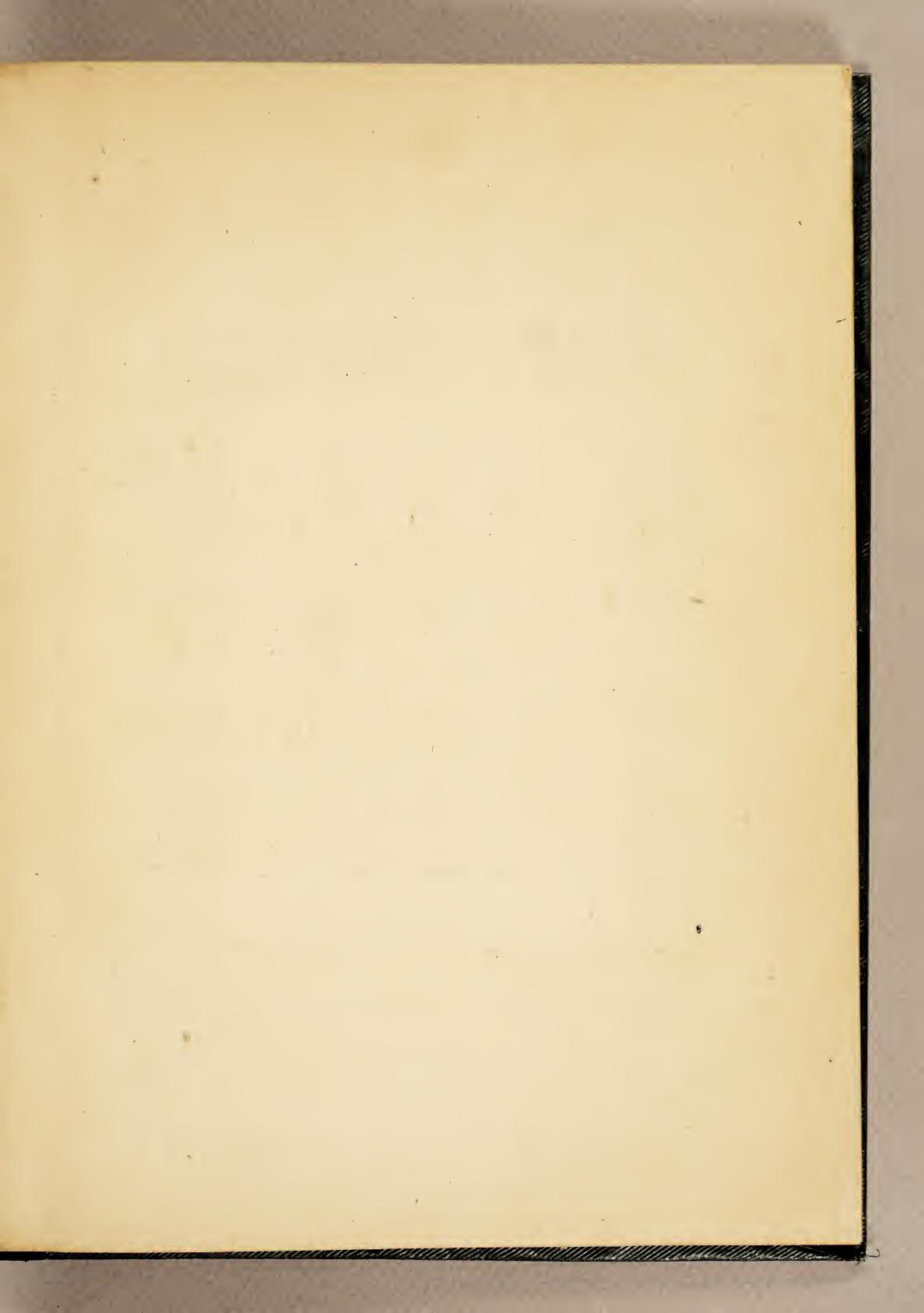
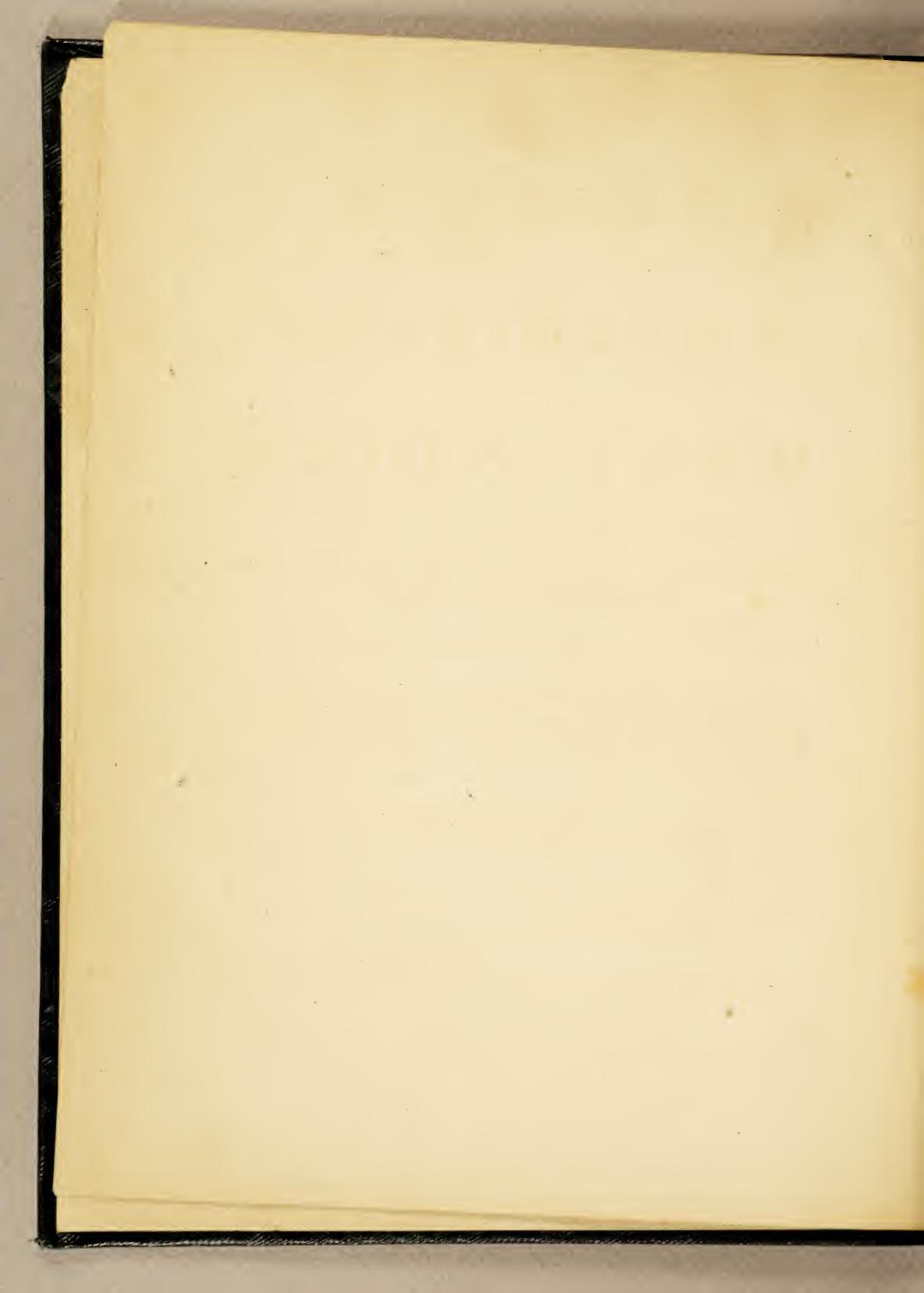




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AGAINST

MARTINICO, GUADELUPE, and other the LEEWARD ISLANDS;

Subject to the French King, 1759.

By RICHARD GARDINER, Esq; Captain of Marines on board His Majesty's Ship Rippon, on the Expedition.

Versas ad Littora Puppes Respiciunt, totumque Allabi Classibus Æquor. VIR.

Porrecta Majestas ab Ortu Solis ad Hesperium Cubile Custode Rerum CÆSARE.

Hor.

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The Earl TEMPLE,

Viscount Baron COBHAM,

LORD PRIVY SEAL,

AND

One of the Lords of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council.

My LORD,

jesty for the Commission I bear, has made me guilty for a great Presumption, in offering to your Lordship, the following short Account of the Expedition to the West-Indies, and of the Operations of the Army and Fleet employed upon it: If I have offended in this Liberty, I flatter myself your Lordship's Candor will impute it to the very eager Desire I have of shewing how much,

I am,

Rippon, at Spithead, Octo. 10, 1759.

My LORD,

Your most obliged and most obedient,

Humble Servant,

RICHARD GARDINER.

R R A T A.

Page Line

for first read South, 12.

32. read Qualis in Angliacas nuper desæving Oras.

22. dele.

26. for each read reach.

last line. for Batteries read Battery. 25. 28. 24. for approaching read approach.

18. for West read East. . 29.

30. 14. for Camp interrupted read Camp was interrupted.

6. for in the Tents read with Tents.

9. for but read only.

8, for British Islands read Planters in our British Islands. 27. for Trade, Wind, and Current, read Trade-Wind and Current.

4. for Duroure's Regiment of Highlanders read Duroure's Regiment and the Highlanders. 28. for with an Entrenchment read in an Entrenchment. 46.

The Author hopes for the Indulgence of the Reader to excuse the many uncorrected Errors of the Press, occasioned by his absence. The Plates are likewise not so accurate as he could have wish'd, but may serve to give an Idea of the general Attack upon the Island and of the situation of the Country.

T H E

PREFACE.

HE Design of submitting to the Publick the following Sheets, is principally owing to a Variety of Aspersions thrown out upon the British Officers employed on this Expedition, by the Inhabitants of our Leeward Colonies, partly arising from Misrepresentations of their Conduct, and partly from interested Views of particular People, which the Success of his Majesty's Arms deseated, blasting the Hopes of many, and disappointing the private Ends of all.

Some cried out vehemently against the Retreat of the Troops from Martinico, whilst others as loudly exclaimed against the Capitulation of Guadelupe: One was angry, that the Squadron at Port Royal did not sail into the Heart of the Citadel, and anchor upon the Walls of the Parapet; another, that Mr. Hopson did not take the Wings of the Morning, sly over the Gullies at Basse-Terre, and perchat once upon the Top of the Dos d'Ane, while a far greater Party secretly lamented the Interruption of an underhand Commerce with the religiously neutral Island of St. Eustatia; wishing the Commodore and the General, the Troops and Squadron at the D---l, for disturbing the friendly Harmony and innocent Correspondence of the French-Englishmen at one Place, and the Dutch-Englishmen at the other, for unlea-

fonably breaking in upon what might with some Propriety be called, The French-English Trade of the Caribbees established; that is, the transporting of French Sugars in Dutch Bottoms belonging to English Owners, a Sort of Trassick carried on through the right brotherly Intercourse of the Martinico Planter and the St. Eustatia Captain of a Schooner, by which our truly British Merchants annually enriched themselves for only the trissing Consideration of selling their Country, and putting Arms into the Hands of the common Enemy, to enable them to cut the Throats of Englishmen in all Parts of the World.

Some of them too are said to have Plantations of their own at Martinico; and I am not singular in my Opinion when I believe, that we left many an aching Heart behind us at Barbadoes, the Day the Squadron sailed for Port Royal; not out of an affectionate Concern for the Number of brave Fellows of their Country, who were going in a Way to be knocked o'the Head in a few Days, but for Fear the Enemy should not be strong enough to beat their Brains out as fast as they could wish, when they came there; trembling for Possessions held under a French King, and from which they yearly drew their treasonable Rents and Prosits, paying Duties at a Port belonging to the most natural Enemy of their Country, and encreasing the Revenues of a Prince at open War with their Sovereign.

Had Martinico fallen, they likewise feared a Reduction in the Value of their Plantations in our own Islands, as so great a Quantity of Sugar would then be added for the future to the English Market, which of course would beat down the Prices of that Commodity to them.

They exclaimed afterwards against the Capitulation of Guadalupe, but gave very little Assistance towards the Reduction of it; and not even that, as long as the Troops remained at Basse Basse Terre, nor till after the Death of Mr. Hopson, when they found by General Barrington's Motions on the Side of Grande Terre, that there were no Hopes left of his quitting the Island; they then indeed sent Negroes to the Army, in Expectation, I imagine, of coming in for their Share of Plunder when the Island should be taken; or of laying out their Money to Advantage, which they were collecting every where, and particularly at Antigua, with that View; having their Eye upon new Purchases, and not in the least considering the Benefits accruing to the People of England from the Possession of the Island at any Rate, the entire Reduction of which, without a Capitulation, might have been the Work of Years; for Instance, how long was it before the Spaniards gave up the quiet Possession of JAMAICA to the English? How many Years were they in open Arms, and have they not their Plantations amongst us, their particular Rights and Privileges at this Day?

They were angry with the General, I presume, for not putting the poor Inhabitants to Death, or for not banishing them off the Island; and for being so very unreasonable as to allow them the Enjoyment of their own Houses and Estates, after having been kept out by Fire and Sword for three Months, hanging in the Air like Mahomet's Tomb, or slung in Hammocks in the Woods from one Tree to another; or for not dividing them, like the Roman Confuls of old, amongst his Officers, who being a Set of Gentlemen perhaps not the most remarkable in the World for knowing the Value of Money, and but few of them Masters of a very refined Skill in keeping it, they concluded would part with their new Estates for a Trifle to the first Purchaser; taking it for granted, and not without Reason, that as soon as a noble Captain had got his Portion of Acres parcelled out to him, instead of turning his victorious Head to the servile Operations of grinding Sugar, or soiling his martial Fingers in cutting Canes and plucking Cotton, he would stick up a Broom upon his House, the first Hour

Hour he came there, as a Signal for Sale: On which down fally these rapacious Harpies,

Subiti horrifico lapsu de montibus adsunt---

Jingle Pistoles, Dollars, and Johanneses, about his Ears, or blind his distinguishing Eyes with a Bag of Spanish Gold Dust, and so the Plantation's their own for nothing,

Bellum dirâ cum Gente gerendum.

No wonder then, that the neighbouring Islanders cried out against a Capitulation, which totally disconcerted all these avaricious Projects and selfish Views, by securing to the People of England in common with them a rich, and fertile Country, which they had vainly imagined would, in a short Space of Time, have become their own sole Property, and that of Negro-Drivers and Creol Attornies and Agents.

No wonder then, that the most respected Characters amongst us were called in Question, and openly abused and insulted in all the Colonies round; our Commanders spoke of with Indignity, and our Officers with Contempt; and this, after having been half-broiled to Death at one Time, and half-starved at another, living upon accidental Provision and the Chance of the Day for upwards of six Months together; at which Time the Troops returned Home, loaded with the pious Wishes of their bonest Countrymen behind, that they had never come there at all, and devoutly praying, that they might never come back.

After having faid thus much, it would be doing great Injustice not to acknowledge, that there were very many worthy Men in all the Islands, who thought differently, were sensible of the Importance of this new Acquisition, and and who never failed to speak with Honour of the Officers

employed, and of the great Fatigues endured by the Troops: If indeed any particular Steps were liable to Censure, and did not meet with general Approbation, it ought to be considered, that Humanity is subject to Error, and that Officers are but Men; exposed to the same Infirmities with others, and deceived as frequently in their Judgment, by false Appearances, salse Intelligence, or mistaken Principles of Action: Yet surely some Allowance is to be made for those, who so often facrifice their Lives, and always their Ease, for the Service of the Nation and the Benefit of the Publick; and who sight for them, bleed and starve for them, whenever they are called upon.

It was therefore in regard to these Virulences so profusely spread abroad, and in particular at Barbadoes and Antigua, at the Time the Convoy was collecting together, that I became determined on our Passage home, to draw a little Account of all the material Movements of the Fleets and Forces, in order that our Countrymen in England might be thoroughly acquainted with the Progress of this Armament sent out to the West-Indies, and that the European Reader having the principal Facts laid down before him, may form to himself an impartial Opinion of the Conduct of the Troops and Squadron, unprejudiced by transmitted Reports or foreign Misrepresentations; and I have prefixed my Name, to the Intent that if I have advanced any Untruths, I may be confuted by a Number of Officers now at home, all of them equally acquainted with what passed abroad, and most of them far superior Judges in military Affairs than what I can pretend to be.

The Reader will find, that in what relates to the Transactions on the Side of Capesterre and Grande Terre, I am not so particular as elsewhere, which he will account for very easily, when he considers that my Duty called me to another Station; there I must beg the Indulgence of the Gentlemen

employed, if I have not done Justice to the many Instances of Bravery, of which I know very signal Proofs were given; but acting at that Time at a Distance from them at Dominica, I could not be so minutely informed as if upon the Spot, and I did not care to set down any Thing, to the Authenticity of which I could not answer.

What follows (as was mentioned above) was wrote upon the Passage home, and finished before we arrived at *Plymouth*, such as it now appears to the Publick.

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TO THE

WEST INDIES, &c.

SPITHEAD, ENGLAND.

BOUT the latter End of October, 1758, Captain Hughes in the Norfolk, with a Squadron of Men of War and a Fleet of Transports, designed upon an Expedition to the West-Indies, sailed from Spithead, but being obliged to put back by contrary Winds, he sailed again from St. Helen's, November 12, and having sent the Berwick a-head to call out the Ships and Transports that were lying in Plymouth Sound ready to join him, he proceeded down the Channel.

November 13. The Berwick about three o'Clock in the Afternoon appeared off Plymouth with a Dutch Ensign flying at her Main-topmast Head, upon which Capt. Shuldham in the Panther made the Signal to weigh.

Novem-

November 15. The whole Squadron joined in Latitude 49:40. and confisted of the following Men of War and Bombs, with 60 Sail of Transports.

Norfolk 74 St. George 90 Berwick 64 Infernal,
Panther 60 Burford 70 Rippon 60 Granada,
Lyon 60 Winchester 50 Renown 30 Kingsfisher,
Falcon.

In the Transports were the following Regiments, with a Detachment of the Artillery from Woolwich, Old Buffs, Du-

roure's, Elliott's, Barrington's, Watson's, Armiger's.

On board the several Men of War the Marines were augmented to the Number of 800, and were intended to be formed into a Battalion under the Command of a Lieutenant-Colonel and Major, in order to land with the Troops, and to do Duty in the Line; but upon the Arrival of the Squadron at Barbadoes, Commodore Moore refused his Assent to land them in Battalion, and did, in effect, take away all Command from the Lieutenant-Colonel and Major of Marines.

The general Officers employed on this Expedition, were Major-General Hopson, Commander in Chief; Major-General Barrington; Colonels, Armiger and Haldane; and Lieutenant-Colonels, Trapaud and Clavering, Brigadiers.

16. This and the following Days the Wind being foul, and it coming on to blow fresh, on the 19th Capt. Hughes, at four in the Morning, made a Signal to put back; but at five in the Asternoon the Wind changing in his favour, he tacked again, and stood on his Way; and after a Passage of seven Weeks and three Days, without any very material Occurrences intervening, appeared with the above Armament off the Island of Barbadoes, on Wednesday, January 3, 1759, and came to an Anchor with his Squadron in Carlisle-Bay, the Place of Rendezvous for the Fleet in Case of Separation by bad Weather.

CARLISLE-BAY, BARBADOES.

fan. 3. BARBADOES, is a rich and fertile Island, lying in the Latitude of 13. 5. N. Longitude 59 W. in length about 30 English Miles, and about 12 Miles broad: The S. W. Point forms a Bay, called Carlisle-Bay, where there is a depth of Water from 12 to 30 Fathom. It takes its Name from James Earl of Carlisle, who obtained the first grant of the Island, Anno 1625, from King Charles the First, but in the Year 1661, King Charles the Second, purchased the Right of the Proprietors, and ever fince it has been a Royal Government. The Town of chiefest Note is Bridgetown, which lies on the Bay. The Produce of the Island is Rum, Sugar, Indigo, Cotton, Ginger, Pine-Apples, Guavas, Plantanes, Oranges, Lemons, and Limes.

As the Ships approached, the Island rose gradually out of the Sea with a delightful Verdure, presenting a most inviting prospect of the Country all around, which looked like a Garden; the Plantations were amazingly beautiful, interspersed at little distances from each other, and adorned with Fruits of various Colours; some were spread out in fine and open Lawns, in others the waving Canes bowed gently to the Wind, from hanging Mountains; while the continual motion of the Sugar-Mills dispersed in every part, and working as it were in Concert, enlivened the engaging Scene, and made it infinitely striking to Eyes long accustomed to the unenter-

taining Range of Sky and Water only.

The Inhabitants were drawn up along the Shore, and a general alarm given to the Island, as usual, upon seeing a strange Fleet, and so large a one was a new Spectacle at Barbadoes, where they were entirely ignorant of the Force it contained, and only guessed at its suture Destination.

From Barbadoes, St. VINCENT, bears W. about 26 leagues, St. Lucia, W. N. W. 30, and Martinico N. W. 40. As soon as the Fleet came to an anchor, Commodore Moore, who was lying in Carlisle-Bay, with his broad Pendent hoisted

on board the Cambridge, in Company with the Bristol, Woolwich, Roebuck, Rye, and Barbadoes Sloop, threw out a Signal for all Lieutenants, and took upon him the command of the

united Squadrons.

Jan. 8. The following Days while the Fleet remained here, were chiefly employed in watering the Ships, landing and re-embarking the Troops, who were reviewed by Governour Pinfold, and General Hopson; in Councils of War; in Assemblies of the Council of the Island; in issuing Proclamations; and beating up for Volunteers; all which ended in sending 46 Negroes on board each line of battle Ship, to draw the Cannon on Shore, &c. This was the fole reinforcement his Majesty's Squadron received while at Barbadoes, excepting about 200 Highlanders, belonging to the second Battalion of Lord John Murray's Regiment, brought over under convoy of the Ludlow-Castle, from Scotland.

13. With this Armament, confiderably impaired by fickness * and which could not exceed 5000 Men compleat, Commodore Moore, and General Hopson, set sail from Carliste-Bay, Saturday Jan. 13th. at eleven o'Clock in the Morn-

ing, and stood for the Island of Martinico.

MARTINICO, or as the Fronch call it MARTINIQUE, lies in the Latitude of 14. 30. 11. Longitude 61 W. It is about 13 Leagues in length, and 7 in breadth, full of Hills, one of which appears at a great distance resembling the Crown of a Man's Hat, and is therefore called by way of diftinction, the Cardinal's Cap, and is a good Land-Mark to Sailors. On the North Side of it lie three small Islands, one of which is called Tree-Island, being well wooded and supplied with Water, with a good landing Place for Boats. Indeed the whole Island of Martinico is exceedingly well watered, rivulets running every where through it. The most beautiful Part of the Country is to the S. W. It produces Sugar, Rum,

^{*} The Troops unaccustomed to the Climate, suffered greatly from Fevers, from the Flux, the Scurvy, from the use of Salt Provisions, and from an accidental Evil, the Small-Pox, which broke out amongst the Transports.

Molosses, Cotton, Ginger, Indigo, &c. like the other leward Colonies. It has several Bays, of which the chief is the great Bay of Port-Royal, the Capital of the Island, and the Bay of St. Pierre's, a large Town about seven Leagues from it to the N. W. Port-Royal Bay runs up about seven Miles, in some places near five Miles in breadth.

Off the Islands of St. Lucia and Martinico.

Jan. 14. At eight in the Morning the Squadron made the land of Martinique; at ten was off the Island of St. Lucia, which shewed very high; at twelve off the Island of Martinique, when the Cardinal's-Cap bore N. W. half N. ten

Leagues.

tween the Islands of St. Lucia and Martinico; at seven Martinico bore N. W. about three Leagues, and St. Lucia S. W. near the same distance, when the Commodore threw out Signals for the Rippon, Winchester, Woolwich, Lyon, and Roebuck, to come within hail of him.

LINE of BATTLE.

The Berwick to lead with the Starboard, and the Burford with the Larboard Tacks on Board.

Frigates and Bombs.	Line of Battle. Ships.	Con	nmanders.	Guns.	Men.	Division.
	Berwick,	Capt.	Harman,	64	480	John.
	Winchester,		Le Grass,	50	350	Moore,
	Rippon,		Iehyll,	60	430	
Granada,	Briftol,	- 111111	Leslie,	50	350	Com-
	Norfolk,		Hughes,	74	600	mander
	Cambridge;		Burnett,	80	667	in chief,
Renown,	St. George,		Gayton,	90	750	छित. छत.
Kingsfisher,	Panther,		Shuldham,	60	420	
Falcon;	Lyon,		Trelawney,	60	400	n
Roebuck.	Burford.		Gambier.	64	520	}

To Capt. Edw. Iehyll, Commander of the Rippon.

By Command of the Commodore R. Rosewell.

At

At nine the Commodore hailed the Rippon to keep near him and to make ready for Action: At eleven the Squadron was close in with the Diamond Roch, at Martinico, and passed by a Fort in the small Bay of St. Anne's, and another of the Embrasures which took no Notice of the Fleet. At twelve the first Point of the great Bay of Port-Royal, bore N. W. three Miles; at two the citadel of Port-Royal and the Forts about the Bay fired fignal Guns and hoisted Colours on the appearance of the English Squadron; at the same time the Florisfant of 74 Guns, and a French Frigate, then lying under the Guns of Fort-Negro, made sail and turned up under the Citadel, and about fix in the Evening came to an Anchor in the Carenage behind it. This Frigate proved to be the Bellona, who made her escape this Night through the Transports, and was taken afterwards in her Passage to Old France, by the Vestal, Capt. Hood, giving the first intelligence in England, of the arrival of the Fleet at Martinico.

The Marines from the Bristol and Rippon land at Martinico great Bay of Port-Royal.

Jan. 15. At 4 the Squadron having entered the Bay, the Battery at the Isle des Ramiers, or Pidgeon-Island, fired two shot at the Rippon, being the second Ship. The Isle des Ramiers, is a little Island about half way up the Bay, on which is erected a Battery very high, which occasionally play'd upon the Shipping as they came in.

At five the Commodore brought to, and made the fignal for all Masters of Transports, with the proper signals for the Lyon, Bristol, and Rippon; which being answered, he made fail again, and the Squadron was all Night employed in turn-

ing into the great Bay of Port-Royal.

16. The first attack upon the Island was made this Morning at Fort-Negro, a strong Battery of seven Embrasures, and within three Miles of the Citadel. The Bristol, Rippon, and Lyon were ordered over Night for this Service, but the Lyon driving out to Sea afterwards, at fix the Bristol and Ripchored close in with it began to engage. About nine the Rippon anchored astern of her, when the Battery being silenced, at ten the Marines from both Ships landed in the Flat-bottom'd Boats, and climbing up the Rock enter'd in at the Embrasures with Bayonets fixed, but found it entirely abandoned by the Enemy, and seemingly with some Precipitation, several Hats and Swords, Silver Spurs, &c. being picked up by the Men in different Parts of it. A Lieutenant from each Ship with a party of Seamen, who row'd the Boats, enter'd with the Marines, and about half an hour after ten, the English Colours were hoisted, and Marine Sentries posted upon the Parapet.

The Officers having made the necessary Dispositions in case of being attacked by any Detachment from the Citadel or Garrison at Port-Royal, the Lieutenant of the Bristol, returned on board to acquaint Capt. Leslie, with the Condition of the Fort, and that it was the opinion of the Marine Officers, that it was tenable against any attempts of the Enemy to retake it, especially as the Troops employed on such an occasion must of necessity be exposed to the fire of the two Ships; upon which Capt. Leslie, * order'd them to keep Posession till he made a signal to re-embark. In the mean time the Detachment in the Fort proceeded to spike up the Guns, knock'd off the Trunnions, broke the Carriages, and destroyed the Powder in the Magazine.

At this time Commodore Moore, made the fignal for all General Officers, and at twelve o'Clock the fignal to anchor. The Master of the Rippon, sounded from Fort-Negro, to the Northward as far as the Northmost Point but one; and found from twenty to thirteen Fathom fine Sand and smooth Ground.

At two the whole Fleet came to an anchor in the great Bay of Port-Royal, the Citadel bearing E. about three Miles, and the Commodore made the fignal to prepare to land the Troops.

The Winchester, Woolwich, and Roebuck, were sent in to attack a Fort in the Bay of Cas des Navires, a small Bay lower

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down about two Miles to the Northward of Fort-Negro, where it was proposed to land the Troops: Having silenced this Battery, and blown up the Magazine, the three Ships lay by to cover the Flat-bottom'd Boats upon landing, and with the

Bristol and Rippon kept a constant fire upon the Shore.

At this time the Troops detached from the Citadel to oppose the landing of the English Forces, which they expected from the situation, would be attempted in this Bay, being deceived by the appearance of the Marine Sentries on the Parapet at Fort-Negro, whom they took for part of the Army already dis-embarked, and fearing they should be put between two Fires, retir'd immediately back to Port-Royal, leaving the Beach without Defence, and by these means affording an opportunity for the different Brigades to land without any Interruption.

Capt. Leslie, having made the fignal for the Marines and Seamen in Fort-Negro to come off, the Sentries were withdrawn, and the colours taken down, after which and having thrown the broken Carriages of the Cannon down the Rock; they re-imbarked on board their several Ships without any

molestation from the Enemy.

As the Squadron was now at an anchor between Fort-Negro and Pidgeon-Island, and within three Miles of the Town and Citadel of Port-Royal, the Enemy soon discovered the head most Ships to be within reach of their Mortars, * and accordingly at three the Garrison in the Citadel began to throw large Shells at the Fleet, which slew over the Rippon, Bristol, and Lyon, and fell a stern into the Sea without any effect, upon which at half an hour past three the Commodore sent a Lieutenant on board those Ships with orders for them to weigh immediately; slip'd himself in the Cambridge, and drop'd a stern.

The Troops Land.

At four the fignal was made to land the Troops, which in consequence of the fignal made at two o'Clock to prepare to

* A Shell thrown from a Mortar with the greatest requisite of Powder is generally supposed to sly about two miles and two thirds:

land, were already affembled in the Flat-bottom'd Boats along fide of that Transport where the commanding Officer of the Brigade they belonged to was on board. Upon the fignal being made to land the Boats put off immediately, and at five the first and second Brigade landed without opposition, on the Beach in Cas des Navires Bay, about five Miles from Port-Royal; soon after part of the third Brigade landed at the same Place, the whole Army consisting only of three Brigades of two Battalions each.

At half an hour past five the Troops, which had made good their landing, formed, and marched up by Files into the Country towards Fort-Negro, and laid upon their Arms all

Night.

At fix Commodore Moore, made sail again with the Fleet, which all Night was employed in turning up into the great Bay, nearer to Port-Royal.

Jan. 17. At seven in the Morning saw the Troops advanced beyond Fort-Negro, siring the Woods and clearing

their Front towards Port-Royal.

At eight the Commodore made the fignal to man and arm all Boats, when the remainder of the third Brigade was landed

at Fort-Negro.

At ten saw an English Battery playing from an Hill above the Fort and scouring the Woods. All the Morning the Troops kept engageing with small Arms, the Enemy never presenting a Front, but siring from the Bushes and behind Trees.

About Noon the Troops were seen advancing up the Hill which overlooked the Town and Citadel, when to observers in the Squadron all appearances seemed to promise Success, and flatter'd them with a speedy conquest of the Metropolis.

of the Island; but

At two General Hopson, sent on board the Cambridge, to acquaint the Commodore, that he found it impossible to maintain his Ground unless the Squadron could give him assistance by landing some heavy Cannon, &c. at the Savanna, near the Town of Port-Royal, or that the Commodore would attack the

the Citadel in the Bay at the same time he did it on the Shore, both which the Council of War (which was immediately held) judged to be impracticable, as in landing the Cannon at the Savanna, the Boats employ'd must of necessity be exposed to the Fire of the Garrison; * nor could the Citadel be attacked by the Squadron without the greatest risque, for the Easterly Wind and Leeward Current constantly setting out of the Bay prevented the Men of War from proceeding any higher up, without being obliged to tack frequently; in doing of which some Hours would be taken up, all which time they could not fail of being cannonaded from the Citadel, from the Battery at Pidgeon-Island, and from another strong Battery at the upper end of the Bay from the opposite Shore to the Town. It was however proposed to land the Cannon at Fort-Negro, which the Seamen were to draw to any Place where the General should judge most convenient to form his attack; and accordingly the Squadron came to an anchor.

The Troops re-imbark.

At four o'Clock it appeared that General Hopson, thought proper to retire with the Troops, and orders were given to

have the Boats ready to affift in bringing them off.

At five the Commodore order'd the Rippon, to weigh and to warp up nearer to Fort-Negro, to cover the re-imbarkation of the Troops, who were now retreating from their advanced Posts, and at seven the Boats were sent away, and at nine in the Evening when the Moon was well up, the Troops re-imbarked at Fort-Negro, after setting Fire in their march to all the Canes and Country round about them, with little or no molestation from the Enemy.

Killed in this attack Capt. Dalmahoy, of the Grenadiers in Duroure's, and 22 Men. Wounded Capt. Campbell, of

^{*} The difficulty of landing Cannon from Catamorans is at all times found to be fo very great, as renders it next to impossible to succeed where any Enemy can annoy you in the Execution; and therefore is never attempted but in Places of Security, and out of the reach of their Guns.

Duroure's, and Leiut. Leisle, of the Highlanders, with 47

Men, total 69.

fan. 18. At fix the next Morning the Cambridge and Norfolk driving out to Sea, the Commodore hoisted his broad Pendent on board the St. George, and the General called a Council of War, when it was determined to leave Port-Royal, and to make an attempt upon St. Pierre's. General Hopson, being of opinion that no time was to be lost, the Commodore made the signal on board the St. George, for the Squadron to weigh, and at nine hoisted his Pendent again on board the Cambridge, which was returned from Sea.

At twelve and all this afternoon the Fleet was employed in turning into *Port-Royal* Bay, in order to amuse the Enemy, and about six in the Evening the Commodore bore away from *Port-Royal*, and ran down along the West Side of *Martinico*,

all Night under an easy sail.

The Bay of St. Pierre's.

19. At fix o'Clock in the Morning the Squadron made its first appearance off the Bay of St. Pierre's, the Town bearing E. N. E. five Miles, the Bay open and spacious, and the Town at the upper end of it, built in the form of a half-circle.

St. Pierre's, is a Place of great Trade, and notwithstanding that the English Armament was long expected in these Parts, and had been now already four Days at Port-Royal, to our great surprize we found on our arrival above forty sail of Merchant-Men lying in the Bay. The chief strength of the Town is the Citadel, built at the North End of it, which is regularly fortisted and well defended, but was very accessible to the Squadron at this juncture, on account of a * westerly D Wind,

^{*} The Enemy were so struck at seeing the Wind thus remarkably savour the English, and again afterwards at the attack of Guadalupe, when the Men of War approached so much nearer the Citadel and Shore, than could possibly have been expected to happen, that in all Places they declared, "It was a "Judgment from Heaven, and that the English were sent to punish them for their Sins". Somewhat like what is reported to have been said by a British Officer formerly at the Siege of Galais, who being asked by an insolent Frenchman.

Wind, a Circumstance not common in this Latitude, which sprung up and blew right into the Bay till the Evening; the Shore was likewise bold, and had a depth of Water sufficient to carry in the largest of our Men of War. Several small Batteries were erected for the security of Shipping in the Bay, but were such as would in all probability have been silenced very soon upon an attack. In the Citadel we discovered with our Glasses a Battery of sour large Mortars, intended to play upon the Squadron as it approached the Town.

At seven the Commodore threw out the Panther's signal, which stood into the Bay immediately, and sounded from side

to side, the Citadel firing several Shot at her.

At

man on the surrender of the Town to the Duke of Guise, "When he intended to cross the Sea back and take Possession of it again". Replied, "When your Sins are greater than ours".

« Nous y retounerons, quand vos péchés seront plus grandes que les nôtres".

This Thought is beautifully exemplified in Mr. Addison's Simile of the Destroying Angel, applied to the Duke of Marlborough, in the celebrated Poem of the Campaign.

As when an Angel by divine Command, With rifing Tempests shakes a guilty Land; (Such as of late o'er pale Britannia past) Calm and serene he drives the surious blast: And pleas'd th' Almighty's Orders to perform, Rides in the Whirlwind, and directs the Storm.

That a Foreigner if any should chance to throw his Eye on this Relation, may have some faint Idea of this much admired Allusion, I have endeavoured to render it in Latin, tho' infinitely below the Original.

Sic Raphael divina ferens Mandata per Auras, Impia cum Quatiat surgentibus Arva procellis, (Angliacas qualis nuper desævit in Oras) Subridens mediâ nim borum in Nocte coruscat, Lætitiâ exul'ans; Divoque jubente, tiemendo Turbine fertur Eques, cohibetque furentis Habenas. At eight fignals were made for two of the Bombs which stood in, till they had got the true Distance of the Town and Citadel.

At twelve the Commodore sent his Captain (Capt. Burnett) on board the Rippon, with Orders to silence a Battery North

of the Town about a Mile and an half.

Every thing at this time had the appearance of a general attack upon the Place, the Panther sounding, the Bombs standing in, the Rippon order'd to engage, and a signal made from the Commodore for the Transports with the Troops to come under his Stern; but the Face of Battle soon wore off, a Council of War was held, the Bombs were forbid to play, the Panther re-called, and the Merchant-Men belonging to the Enemy left unmolested in the Bay, and riding at an anchor in full security. In the mean time the Rippon proceeded to her Fort, hoisted out her Boats, and made ready for action.

At one the Fort began to fire upon the Ship as she ap-

proached, and

Rippon engages at St. Pierre's.

About two the Rippon brought up against it and let go her anchor within half a Cable's length of the Shore in thirty five Fathom Water, when she began to engage and poured in her whole broad-side, which with the small Arms silenced the

Battery in a few Minutes.

Soon after the Enemy open'd another Battery on a Point to the Northward, and one on a Hill to the Southward, which with a Battery at the North End of the Town and a Bomb Battery began to play upon the Ship all together, hulled her in feveral Places, and wounded the Sails, Masts, Yards, and Rigging, with several of the Men; during this time the Rippon, kept a constant fire, being obliged from her situation between the Batteries to engage both sides at once; this continued for two Hours pretty warm.

At half an Hour past four Capt. Ichyll, observing the Commodore with the Transports to be above two Leagues a-stern

stern, the Bombs called off, and no other Ship in the Squadron engaging or coming to his Assistance, immediately concluded that all Designs of attacking the Town, or making a Descent with the Troops were laid aside, and finding the Rippon to be in great Danger from the number of Shells which were thrown, order'd the Boats to be mann'd and the Ship to be tow'd off.

While she was towing away; all the above Batteries continued to fire briskly upon her, and the Garrison in the Fort, which was silenced at the beginning of the Action, returned to their Guns. Rak'd her fore and aft, and sunk the long Boat a stern, while the Militia play'd their Musquetry smartly from the Shore. The Ship was at this time tailing in upon the Fort, and was judged to be within less than her own length of it, so that it was expected she would strike every Moment, and run aground.

It was now necessary, being attacked from three different Batteries, and the Citadel of St. Pierre, beginning to fire upon the Ship likewise, to bring the stern chace Guns to bear upon the Fort, which was at first filenced; a brisk Fire was likewise. kept up by the Marines upon the Militia on Shore, many of whom were carried off supposed to be killed or wounded.

At half an Hour past sive the Commodore sent his Lieute-

nant with Orders to tow off.

At fix the Wind springing up, the Ship was soon out of each of the Enemy's Guns, which at half an hour past six ceased firing as did the Rippon.

In this Engagement which lasted four Hours and a half, the Ship received no affistance from the Fleet, one Boat only excepted, which was sent by Capt. Lynn, of the Roebuck.

There were fired in the attack seven Hundred great Shot and upwards, though in the last two Hours sifty Men were employed in towing off the Ship, and above forty were fick during the whole of it.

The Bomb Battery of the Enemy was extremely well ferved, and few of the Shells which were constantly thrown, from the beginning of the Action to the end of it, fell at a greater distance from the Ship than twenty or thirty yards, and a great many drop'd along side; one in particular fell between the Barge and the Yawl.

At seven joined the Fleet, and kept off St. Pierre's all

Night.

Jan. 20. At eight in the Morning the Commodore made sail to the Northward in consequence of a Resolution taken at a Council of War to make a Descent upon the Island of Guadelupe, and to attack the Town and Citadel of Basse-Terre, the Metropolis.

Off the Island of Dominica.

At twelve the North End of Martinico, bore E. by S. five Leagues, and the South End of Dominica, N. by E.

half a League.

The Amazon joined us this Day with two Transports from Antigua, bringing two Hundred Men from Col. Ross's Regiment, as did the Spy Sloop. The Amazon, Capt. Norton, during the whole of the Expedition was extremely active, as

was the Roebuck, Capt. Lynn.

Dominica, so called by Columbus, from his discovering it on a Sunday, lies in Latitude 15. Longtitude 60. about ten Leagues from Martinico, to the N. W. This Island is very woody and mountainous, well watered, but little cultivated. The Inhabitants are mostly French, and the Island by the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle 1748, declared neutral with St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and Tobago. It has feveral Bays, of which that called Prince Rupert's Bay (from Prince Rupert, Admiral of the English Fleet in the Reign of Charles the Second, and Brother to the Elector Palatine on the Rhine) is the principal one of Note. It is spacious and deep, capable of containing a very large Fleet, and is shelter'd from the Wind by very high Mountains. Near the Shore it has a depth of seven fathom Water, and farther out from 7 to 20, 40, 50, and 100. On the first arrival of the Squadron in this Bay, the Inhabitants of the Island were apprehensive of our commitmitting Acts of Hostility, but the Commodore dispelled their fears by signing a Neutrality with them, and soon after they brought in Provisions to the Fleet, having before drove off their Stock into the inland Country.

Jan. 21. At twelve this Day Prince Rupert's Bay bore

N. by E. five or fix Leagues.

In this Bay, which we were afterwards better acquainted with, died (as I have heard) the Lord Cathcart, who commanded the Land Forces on the Expedition to the West-Indies under Admiral Vernon.

Off the Island of Guadelupe,

22. At eight in the Morning the North End of Dominica, bore E. five Leagues; from Dominica, to Guadelupe the distance is about nine Leagues N. W. by N.

At eleven the Rippon and Panther's fignals with those of

several other Ships of the Line were thrown out.

At twelve the South End of Guadelupe bore N. E. five or fix Miles.

GUADELUPE, the largest of all the Caribbee Islands, lies in the Latitude 16 N. and Longitude 61 W. about thirty Leagues from Martinico in the N. W. It was first discover'd by Columbus, and called by the Spainards Alto Guardelupo, from the great heigth of the Cliffs and Mountains on it. It is about fifteen Leagues in length, and twelve in breadth, divided into two Parts by a small Arm of the Sea, or rather a narrow Passage, through which no Ship can venture: The Inhabitants cross over in a Ferry from one Part to the other. The Country to the West is called Basse-Terre, where stands the Metropolis, and where the Citadel and Strength of the Island lies; the Part to the East is called Grande-Terre. The Produce of the Island is the same with the rest of the Caribbees; Sugar, Indigo, and Cotton, &c. It was attacked in the Reign of Queen Anne, by Admiral Bembow and General Codrington, but without Success. They landed the Forces, but finding the Army diminished in their numbers by Sickness,

and that the Mountains were too difficult of access, they re-imbarked without effecting any thing of Consequence. It abounds in Water, in some places of it very good, in others, and often at no great distance, a Mineral which sluxed the Men for some time till the Effect was discovered. The Citadel, a very large but irregular Fortification, is situated at the South End of the Town, built very high, and mounting 47 Guns. Col. Cunningham, on reconnoiting, from the great height of it, was induced to think it impregnable to the Squadron, and out of the Power of the lower Deck Guns to batter it, but in this, though an Opinion strongly supported by appearance, he was deceived; many of the Shot from the St. George and Panther slying over it, though it must be confessed they were pointed at the highest Elevation.

At fix in the Evening Capt. Ichyll, returned from on board the Cambridge, the Commodore's Ship, where a general Attack upon the Capital Town of Basse-Terre, the Citadel,

and Batteries that defended it, had been resolved upon.

His Majesty's Ships to attack in the following Order upon a fignal To-morrow Morning.

	Guns.	4.
Lyon	60	First Battetry 9 Guns.
St. George Norfolk Cambridge	90 } 74 } 80 }	The Citadel or Fort Royal 47 Guns.
Panther Burford	60} 70}	Third Battery 12 Guns.
Berwick	66	Fourth Battery 7 Guns.
Rippon	60	Fifth Battery or Le Mome Rouge 6 Guns.

The Ships to filence their respective Batteries, if possible, and to lie by them till further Orders.

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All Night the Squadron was employed in turning under the Island of Guadelupe; two of the Bombs stood close in, and threw Shells against the Citadel of Basse-Terre, but without any Execution, having not attained the true Distance, or being improperly directed.

Jan. 23. At seven in the Morning, Commodore Moore, shifted his broad Pendent from the Cambridge, and holsted it

on board the Woolwich of forty Guns.

At half an Hour past seven, the Commodore made the

signal to engage.

Bore away his Majesty's Ships the Lyon, St. George, Norfolk, Cambridge, Panther, Burford, Berwick, Rippon, and ran down close along the Shore of Guadelupe.

General Attack of the Squadron at Basse-Terre, Guadelupe.

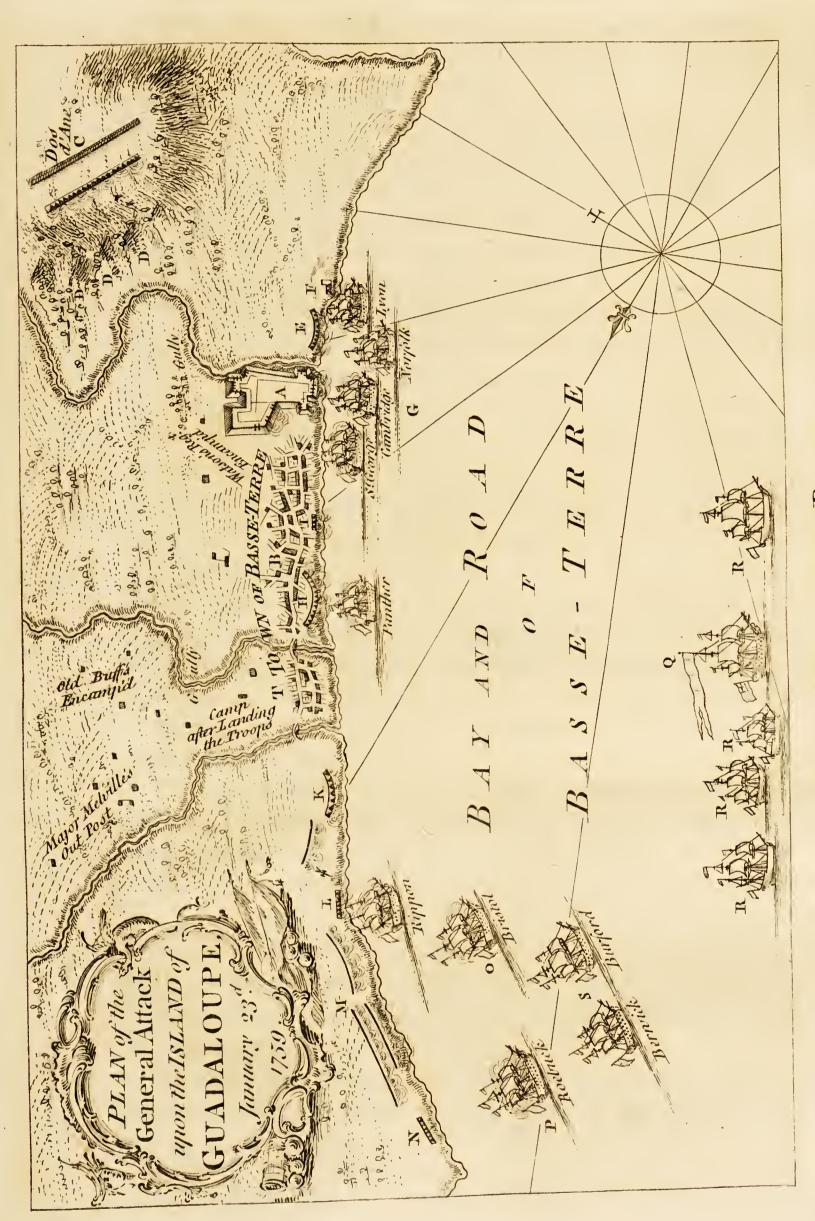
At nine the Lyon * began to engage the first Battery of nine Guns, and was rak'd by a small one of two Guns, a stern of her to the Southward and the Citadel with what Guns they could bring to bear.

The rest of the Ships continued moving on in order of Battle to the respective Batteries they were to engage, the Citadel (or Fort-Royal) playing upon them as they advanced.

At half an Hour past nine, the Cambridge, Norfolk, and St. George, began to engage the Citadel, and after an almost incessant Fire silenced it about five in the Afternoon.

Near ten, Capt. Shuldham, in the Panther, began to engage the twelve Gun Battery, and continued it warmly for many Hours, doing great Execution, and beating down most of the Buildings near it, when having silenced all the Guns, he lay by till called off by the Commodore.

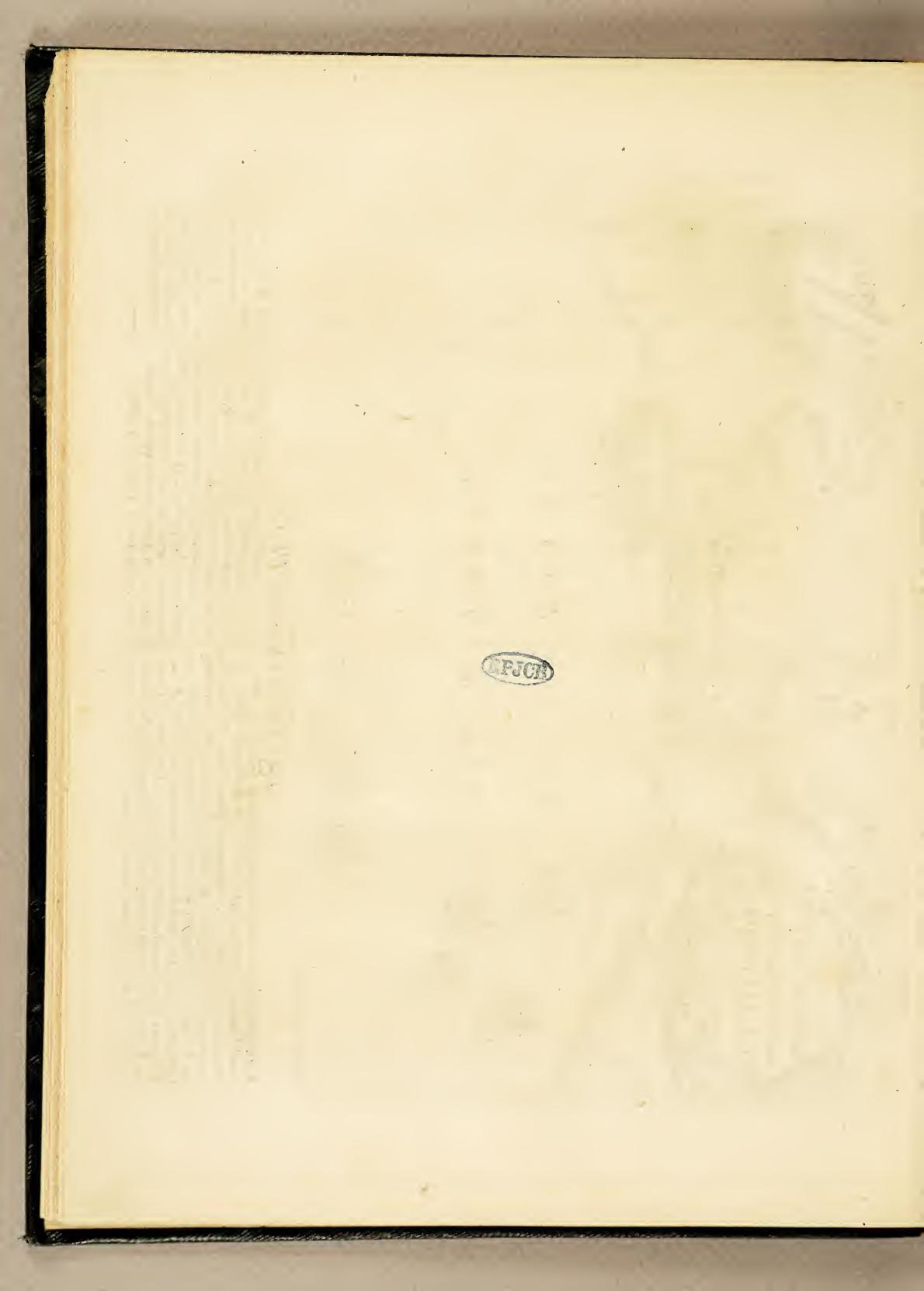
The Burford + which was to have supported the Panther in this attack, and the Berwick ‡ which was to have engaged the seven Gun Battery drove off to Sea, by which means the Rippon, which followed, became exposed to the Berwick's Eattery as well as her own.



REFERENCES to the PLAN

nick . _ L. Battery of 6 guns with an 18 pounder on barte, attacked . E. Battery of gums, attacked by the Lion. H. Battery of 12gum, altacked by the Panther. _ I. Battery of 3 graws. _ K. Battery of 7 gum, that should have been attacked by the Berbomb batteries . - B. Tonn of Basse Terre. _ C. Grand redoult pehere the French Governor retired after the burning of Basse Terre. _ D. Mountains G.The Cambridge , Norfolk, & St. George, attacking the citadel A . -- F Battery of 2 guns, playing upon the Lion, during the attack. asconding to the Dos d'Ane

Cogund ._ O The Brishel A. The Citudel, Fort Charles, mounting 46 pieces of cannon, with two | by the Rippon, who ran agramed in coming up to it. M. Entrenchme. play upon the Rippon __ 0. Commodore Moore at the head of the transports, with his broad pendant flying on board the Woolwich P. The Roebuck firing upon the battery at N, which had begun to Frigate . - R. Transports with the Troops . - S. Berwick & Burford coming up to the assistance of the Ruppon, which was aground and raked by the batteries K.L., and the minsquetry in the trenches at M. of the enemy, lined nith troops. _ N. Battery of drove out to Sea. _ T. English Campe.



At ten, the Rippon * began to engage the Morne Rouge, but having run in too close on letting go her Anchor, she tail'd the Shore and stuck fast.

At eleven, cut the Cable and Hawser and kept engaging the seven Gun Battery, taking her on the Starboard-bow.

At twelve all the Line of Battle Ships (the Burford and Berwick excepted) were in hot Action, and all the Forts in and about the Town briskly cannonaded; this continued for

five Hours very warm on both Sides.

The St. George † like Mount Vesuvius, at the time of its Eruption, broke out in Clouds of Smoke with a perpetual rumbling within; and the broad-side of the Cambridge ‡ gave the Ship an Appearance as if (to be allow'd the Expression) she had first set fire to the Water, and afterwards rode in the Flames.

The Lyon's Cable was shot through, on which she let go

another Anchor, and kept engaging.

The Garrison in Fort-Royal, was severely galled by the Shot of the Panther, Capt. Shuldham, who while he was engaging the twelve Gun Battery, played all the Cannon he could bring to bear upon the Walls and Works of the Citadel, till after an obstinate Defence for some time, the Enemy were entirely drove from all the Batteries to the South of the Town, and quitted their Guns.

On the North Side, remained unfilenced the seven Gun Battery, and the Fort at the Morne Rouge, where the Rippon

lay aground, engaging both of them, and

At two in the Afternoon, had actually filenced the Guns at the Morne; but the Enemy observing the Ship to be a Shore, assembled in great Numbers, on the Brow of the Hill, and lin'd the Trenches from which they kept a brisk Fire of small Arms, and rak'd her fore and aft, killing and wounding many of the Men.

At three the Militia brought up a Cannon, an 18 Pounder, play'd it in the way of Batteries en barbe for two Hours, E

and being mounted so high above the Ship it was not silenced but with Dissiculty; they likewise planted their Colours upon the Parapet of the Trenches, which were soon after shot

down and never appeared any more.

Lieutenant Chaundy, of the Marines, after behaving with great Spirit, received a violent Contusion in his left Leg, which was cut off immediately, and Mr. Grey, a Midship-Man, was wounded in the Thigh with a Musquet Ball of which he died.

Of twenty eight Marines quarter'd on the Poop, eight were killed or wounded, and the Seamen so enfiladed on the Forecastle, that ten out of the twenty remaining were obliged to be sent forwards, to assist in returning the Fire there; the rest of the Marines were employed at the great Guns, there being upwards of ninety Men sick in the Hold. A large Box containing 900 Cartridges blew up on the Poop, and set Fire to the Ship.

All the Grape Shot on Board was now expended, and the Wadding; the Marines and Seamen making Wadding of their Jackets and Shirts and firing them away at the Trenches. Flung out a Signal of Distress to the Squadron. Extinguished

the Fire on the Poop.

At this time Capt. Leslie, of the Bristol, observing the situation of the Rippon, came from Sea, and run in between the Ship and the seven Gun Battery, which had played upon her from the beginning of the Engagement, pouring in a whole Broadside upon the Enemy; the Marines in the Bristol, at the same time slank'd the Militia in the Lines; so that the Fire upon the Rippon slackened.

At five the Commodore made the Signal to prepare to land the Troops, which was afterwards countermanded, it being too late, and growing dark; by which means many of the flat-bottom'd Boats in repairing back to the Rendezvouse of their Brigade, were in danger of being run down by the Men of War, now returning from their Batteries; and some

of them but very narrowly escaped.

At half an Hour past sive the Commodore sent a Lieutenant on board the Rippon, with Orders for her to tow off, but being acquainted at his return that the Ship was a-ground, he sent a Pilot to her Assistance.

At seven the flat-bottom'd Boats dispersed, and the Troops returned to their respective Transports; all the Line of Battle Ships (except the Rippon) having now rejoined the Fleet, and all the Batteries of the Enemy being filenced, the four Bombs stood in for the Shore, and threw Shells and Carcasses into the Town.

The Town of Basse-Terre, burnt by the Bombs.

The Houses and Churches were every where soon in Flames, the Magazines of Powder blown about the Enemy's Ears, and the whole at ten o'Clock blazed out one general Conflagration.

Et circumtonuit gaudens Bellona cruentis.

In this Engagement which continued without ceasing from nine in the Morning till Night, the Squadron sustained but little loss of Men, and far from being proportioned to the Time or Severity of the Action; infomuch that Monf. D'Etriel, the French Governour, would not afterwards believe, that only fix Men were killed, and twenty wounded, on board the St. George, which had engaged the Citadel for so many Hours; several of the Ships however suffered much in their Masts and Rigging.

Of the Officers were

Kill'd. Lieutenant Roberts, of the Marines, in the Norfolk.

Wounded, Capt. Trelawney, of the Lyon, Lieut. Curle, of the Marines, in the Lyon; and Lieut. Chaundy, of the Marines, in the Rippon.

All Night the Bombs continued to play upon the Town and Citadel.

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At nine in the Evening, the Rippon, which still remained a-ground, run her Larboard Guns over to the Starboard Side, started thirty Tun of Water in the Forehold to lighten her forward, and employed all her Boats in endeavouring to tow off; then having carried out Hawsers, all Hands were turned to the Capstern, but the Anchors came Home, and she never moved till near twelve; when contrary to the Expectation of almost every body on board she gave a sudden Start and was got off, to the great joy of the Officers and Men, who were not without their Apprehensions of her being burnt by the Enemy in the Night, or beat to Pieces by the Sea and Surf before the Morning.

At twelve came to an Anchor in thirteen Fathom Water.

Upon examining the Gunner's Report, the Ship had fired 1300 great Shot and upwards, and the Marines 2000 Cartridges. The Foremast was shot thro', the Mizen-yard cut almost away, and the Braces and Rigging greatly damaged.

fan. 24. At two o'Clock this Afternoon, the Commodore who was turning in all the Morning, came to an Anchor with the Squadron in the Road of Basse-Terre; his broad Pendent still slying on board the Woolwich. The Town continued burning all this Day.

Found in the Road the Hulls of several Merchant-Men, which the Enemy had set Fire to on our approaching. Several others turned out, and endeavoured to escape, but were intercepted and taken by the Ludlow-Castle, and other Men of War.

At three the Commodore made the Signal to prepare to land.

The Troops land.

At five landed the first Brigade, and the second and third

immediately after to the Northward of the Town.

On landing they found the Town and Citadel abandoned by the Enemy, who never fired a Shot the whole Day; the latter was taken Possession of by two Companies of Elliott's, and the English Colours hoisted there about fix o'Clock.

It was very observable that during the general Attack upon the Town, the French never shew'd any Colours at the

Citadel, where a Flag Staff still remained.

A Genoese in the French Service came down to the Troops and informed them, that the Enemy had only five Companies of regular Forces (Marines) in the Island, consisting of twenty Men per Company. He likewise acquainted them that a Train was laid to blow up the Powder Magazine in the Citadel, and a Negro left to set fire to it, who was persuaded to believe he could escape at a Sally Port afterwards. This was immediately cut off, and the Magazine secured. The Guns were all spiked up by the Enemy, before they quitted it, and some of the Trunnions knock'd off, but the Spikes being chiefly old Nails, and not of Steel well temper'd, were afterwards drill'd out by the Matrosses.

Part of the Troops laid upon their Arms all Night upon the rifing Ground that overlooked the Town; part of them (the Old Buffs) made themselves Masters of an advantageous Post upon a Hill about a Mile to the West, and part enter'd the Town and lined the Streets, which still remained on Fire,

and continued burning all Night.

This Day arrived the Buckingham, Capt. Tyrrel, who a little before had engaged the Florissant of 74 Guns, supported by two Frigates, in which he acquired great Honour. Arrived also the Rye, with a missing Hospital-Ship, from Barbadoes, having the Physician Dr. Brooke, and the Surgeons to the Army on Board, who, it was much feared, were lost, the Ship not appearing from the time the Squadron left the

English Channel.

Fan. 25. In the Morning at break of Day the Enemy who had retired with the armed Negroes to the Hills, appeared to the number of about 2000, throwing up intrenchments near to a House, where the Governour Le Chevalier Nadau D'Etreil, had fixed his Head-Quarters, at the Distance of about four Miles from the Town to the S. E. and which with the Dos d'Ane, a little higher up, he threatened to defend to the last Extremity against all Opposition whatever; saying, "The " English

"English had taken away every thing but their Lives, and they would sell them dearly."

Ampullas et sesquipedalia verba.

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Description of the Dos d'Ane.

The Dos D'ANE was situated at the Distance of about six Miles from Basse-Terre, to the S. E. and is no more than a hollow Passage or Cleft, through the Mountains, by which a Communication was open'd into Capesterre, a more level and indeed a very beautiful Part of the Island. The French call it Dos d'Ane, from it's resembling at a Distance the Back of an Ass, but I rather believe it to be an old Term for any mountainous Cleft whatever *. The ascent to it was very steep. The Road from the Camp, interrupted by broken Rocks, and furrowed by a Variety of Gullies, which were extremely difficult to pass, and which rendered it very hazardous to make any Attempt to force it: In this the Enemy placed their chief Security, holding us at Defiance, and calling it the Nè plus ultrà of the English Army; so indeed it proved on this Side, for though some Officers were of Opinion that it might have been affaulted with Success, the Morning after the landing, or immediately upon landing, whilst the Panick of the Enemy was strong, and the Consternation they were thrown into from the Bombs, and firing of the Town was not worn off, and they remained dispersed, yet most agreed, it was hardly practicable afterwards, when the Troops had continued for some Days in Camp without moving; when the Inhabitants had recovered their Spirits, and now began to gather together again, and to fortify themselves on the Hills, putting their Negroes in a Situation of Defence, and capable of disputing the Ground, at every Gully where the Troops General Barrington, seem'd so sensible of the should appear. Difficulty in carrying it, that when he succeeded to the chief Com-

^{*} They call a Sharp-bottom'd Boat, Bateau fait à Dos d'Ane.

Command, on the Death of General Hopson, he drew off the

Army immediately to another Part of the Island.

To return to the present Operations of the Troops, Major Melville, of Col. Ross's Regiment, seized upon an advanced Post about sour Miles to the N. E. of Basse-Terre, in a Plantation belonging to Madame Ducharmey, where he kept Possession, and upon all Opportunities that offer'd, annoy'd the Enemy as long as the Camp remained at Basse-Terre; from this Place he made Signals to the Old Buffs, and they to the Camp below, to march off the Picquets, whenever he wanted a Reinforcement, or the Enemy made shew of an Attack upon him, which they frequently did.

At three in the Afternoon, the Tents and Field Equipage, were sent on Shore with three Days Provisions for the Men, when Duroure's, Barrington's, and Armiger's Regiments, with the Artillery Pare, and the Highlanders encamped at the back of the Town. Watson's cover'd the Citadel, and encamped near it; Elliott's were sent into Garrison in the Citadel, and

the Old Buffs encamped at their out-post on the Hill.

General Hopson fixed his Head-Quarters at Basse-Terre, at the Governour's House or rather the Ruins of it, where

several Deserters were this Day brought in.

Jan. 26. The Troops continued next Morning in the Position already described, and a Flag of Truce was sent to the Enemy with an offer of Terms, which the Day after produced the following Answer from the French Governour Le Chevalier D'Etreil.

Letter from the French Governour Le Chevalier D'Etreil.

Messieurs.

I'Af rècu la Lettre que vos Excell. m'ont fait l'honneur de m'ecrire du 25^{me} --vous vous me faites une Proposition qui ne peut venir que de la Facilité que vous avez eu de vous emparer de la Place et du Bourg de la Basse-Terre; car autrement vous me devez rendre assez de Justice pour penser que Je ne la recevrai pas. Vous avez la Force en main pour soumetre les Ex-

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Exterieurs de l'Isle, mais quant à l'Interieure nous jouons à Jeu

A l'Egard des Consequences qui suivront mon Refus, je suis persuade qu'elles ne seront autres que prescrivent les Loix de la Guerre; s'il en etoit autrement, nous avons un Maitre assez puissant pour nous venger.

A'la Guadelupe, le 27me Janvier A' Leur Excellences Messieurs Moore et Hopson, Officiers Generaux de S. M. B. A' la Basse-Terre.

Je suis de vos Excellences, avec Respect, Votre tres bumble and obeissent Serviteur,

Nadau D'Etreil.

Gentlemen,

Have received the Letter your Excellencies did me the Honour to write on the 25th --- The Proposals you offer, are such as could only arise, from the easy Acquisition you have made of the Town and Citadel of Basse-Terre, for otherwise you must do me the Justice to believe I would not have received them. The Force you have with you, is indeed sufficient to give you Possession of the Extremities of the Island, but as to the inland Part of the Country, we there have an equal Chance with you.

In regard to any Consequences that may attend my Refusal of the Terms proposed, I am persuaded they will be such only as are authorized by the Laws of War; but should it happen otherwise, we have a Master who is powerful enough to take

Revenge for what we may suffer.

I am, &c.

This Answer was spirited, and had it succeeded to a gallant Behaviour, and a bold Example, during the Attack, could not have failed of doing Honour to the Governour; but it was very well known, that so far from exerting himself at that Time, by frequently visiting in Person the Citadel and the Batteries engaged, and by his Appearance inspiring new Life and Vigour into his People, then fighting for their all, for Life,

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for Honour, and for Liberty: He retired to a Plantation out of Gun-Shot, and remained an inactive Spectator of the Destruction of the Day, and the Ruin of the Capital; nor did he on the Morning after, take any Precautions to prevent the landing of the Troops, who had a difficult Shore to deal with, attended with a violent Surf from the Sea, and defended by Entrenchments and Lines every where thrown up; but flew from all the Advantages of Ground and Situation, and took Shelter upon the Hills and Mountains, where no Danger could alarm, and no Batteries could reach. Had he been really brave, or had a mind to be thought so, he should have acted like another Turnus.

Rapit Acer.,
Totam aciem in Teucros, et contrà in Littore sistit.--Ultro Occurramus ad undam,
Dum trepidi, egressisque labant vestigia prima.

Æn. 10.

This was the Time to have displayed undaunted Resolution and Obstinacy of Defence; for if it was true, that Possession of the Metropolis became so easy an Acquisition to the Invaders, to whom was it owing, that it was not made more dissicult? Menaces of Resistance jusqu'à l'Extremitè, are noble, but it is then only when they are thrown out Sword in Hand, the Bayonet pointed and not the Pen, the Shore disputed Inch by Inch, and the approaching Enemy desied in Arms at the Water's Edge, not by Letters at a Distance. This heroic Chevalier on the contrary (like other Chevaliers we have heard of) scamper'd up a Precipice, as soon as the Royal Troops and Boats appear'd; threatening from the Top of it, more like an affrighted School-Boy than a General; that, "if they used him ill, he would tell his Master of 'em',

« Nous avons un Maitre pour nous venger".

His Epistle and Refusal of Terms was therefore considered by the English Officers, as the Fanfaronnade of a Man, who had had neither a Heart to execute, nor a Head to design, and in whom Timidity would render abortive, whatever Under-

standing might inspire.

The Inhabitants of the Island, whose Effects and Houses were all consumed at Basse-Terre, became real Objects of Pity; and I make no doubt, Compassion was one Motive in our General, to make those early Offers of Humanity he did.

Jan. 28. In Consequence of their being rejected, this Morning several Detachments were sent to scour the Country, and several Shot were fired from the Citadel at the Enemy, who appeared at a Distance in small Bodies. The Commodore hoisted his broad Pendant this Evening on board the Cambridge, which had been much shattered in the Engagement of the twenty third.

The Troops burn the Canes and Scour the Country.

30. A Party of the French descended from the Mountains, and firing under cover of the Bushes near the Shore, killed three Marines, and a Seaman at the watering Place for the Squadron; upon which in the Evening the Troops burnt all the Sugar Canes and Houses near it. At another Time * a Body of armed Negroes concealing themselves in the Canes, and firing out of them, the Troops fet Fire to the feveral Corners of the Field, and burnt them and Canes together.

31. The Commodore sent a Lieutenant and twenty Men from each Ship on Shore, to transport the Cannon from the lesser Batteries to the Citadel, which was continued the next

Day.

Feb. 1. A Detachment of the Troops commanded by Major Trollop, of Col. Watson's, repulsed a considerable Party of the Enemy, and took thirty Prisoners.

This Day the Weazel Sloop, sailed for England with Dis-

patches from the Commodore and General.

2. Arrived the Ludlow-Castle and Spy Sloop, from destroying a Fort of four Guns to the Northward.

Feb. 3. Major Melville, set fire to several Villages near his out-Posts at Madame Ducharmey's, and burnt the Canes about them, as did Col. Crumpe, in another Part with a Detachment

from the Camp.

This and the following Days for some time the Commodore sent the Boys from the Squadron on Shore, to pick up Cannon Ball fired into the Town at the general Attack. The French on that occasion made use of all Sorts of Langrege Shot, old Nails, Copper, Lead, Tin, Stones, &c. and their Musquet-Balls were chewed with their Teeth and Jagged.

4. Arrived the Lancaster, from England, Capt. Man.

An Attack was this Morning made by a Detachment of our Troops, upon some Entrenchments on a Hill opposite to Major Melville's Post, thrown up by Madame Ducharmey, and defended by her armed Negros: The Entrenchments were carried, and the Houses and Plantations burnt with the loss on our Side of twelve killed and thirty wounded. The Enemy had about ten killed, and a Number of Prisoners taken, but Madame Ducharmey, who commanded as usual in Person, made her escape. Lieutenant Farrel, Ensign Leach, of Armiger's, and Lieutenant Maclean, of the Highlanders, who distinguished themselves greatly in this Attack, were dangerously wounded.

A Gun burst in the Citadel, killed one Man and wounded three others. This Day there was a slying Report of the arrival of a French Squadron at Tobago, consisting of seven

Sail of the Line and thirty Transports.

5. The Troops kept engaging on the Hills with small

Arms most part of the Day.

6. At fix this Morning an Out-Detachment was feen engaging warmly with a Body of the Enemy above the Citadel, and the whole Line was under Arms in the Camp. It was then supposed, that a general Attack would be made upon the Redoute, before the Governour's Head-Quarters, where the greatest Body of the French appeared, and where they had been seen daily at work in raising Entrenchments from the time our Troops took Possession of Base-Terre; but F 2

At 10 the Line turned in again, the Detachment having repulsed the Enemy and killed and wounded near Seventy.

In this Engagement Lieut. Kelly, of Elliott's Grenadiers, particularly distinguished himself, and by falling unexpected on their Flanks put them to the Route in great Consusion.

The Citadel kept firing Cohorns all this Day.

Commodore Moore, detaches a Squadron to Grande-Terre.

Commodore Moore, in order to facilitate any Attempts upon the Eastern and more fertile Part of the Island, called Grand-Terre, thought proper this Afternoon, to detach some Men of War from the Squadron to take Possession of Fort-Louis, (now called Fort-George) a strong Battery and well defended; accordingly,

At two o'Clock the Berwick, with the Roebuck, Renown, Woolwich, Bonetta, two Bombs, and three Tenders, with a large Detachment of Marines from the other Ships sailed to

the Eastward for Grande-Terre.

Feb. 7. The Rippon was ordered to fend 2 twelve Pounders on Shore to the Citadel, but could not land them on account of the Surf.

8. The Enemy fired small Arms for several Hours at the Battery raised by Col. Desbrisay, above the Citadel without

any Effect,

9. The Rippon landed her two Pieces of Cannon upon a Catamoran, which was tow'd on Shore by ten Boats, as did the Lyon and Winchester the same Number. They were afterwards transported by Negroes into the Citadel where they now remain.

of some Difficulties that were found in attacking Fort-Louis, at Grande-Terre, upon which the Commodore gave Orders for the Ships to go in at all Events, and sent Capt. Shuldham, in the Panther, to reinforce the Squadron.

11. At nine in the Morning sailed the Panther, for Grande-Terre. Lieut. Col. Desbrisay, of Col. Watson's Regiment, was this Day appointed Governour of the Citadel, or Fort-Royal,

out, and Watson's went into Garrison there, Elliott's encamping in the Ground where Watson's lay before.

Feb. 12. A Flag of Truce was sent to Martinico, for the

Exchange of Prisoners.

Fort-Louis, now Fort-George, at Grande-Terre, taken.

Feb. 13. The Squadron at Grande-Terre, attacked Fort-Louis, and the Batteries near it; when after a fevere cannon-ading which lasted six Hours, the Marines and Highlanders were landed, who drove the Enemy from their Entrenchments with Bayonets sixed, and hoisted the English Colours at the Fort; of this they kept Possession, doing Duty on Shore, till a Detachment arrived from the Camp some time afterwards, under the Command of Major Ball, of General Barrington's Regiment, where they remained a few Weeks and then were re-imbarked on board the Squadron. A Lieutenant of the Berwick, was killed by a Party of the Enemy, which kept a regular Fire upon the Boats as they landed the Marines, of which and of the Seamen many were killed and wounded.

14. At this time the Troops at Base-Terre, from the conftant Fatigues they endured, by being perpetually harrassed, without coming to any general Engagement, which the Enemy always avoided, and by being exposed to intense Heat from Day to Day, began to yield to the Disorders of the Climate, and the Hospitals were crowded with Sick and Wounded. It was therefore proposed to send Part of them to Antigua; and accordingly the Rippon and Spy, which were ordered for that Service, sailed this Morning with eight Transports for the Town of St. John's in that Island, having about 500 Men from the Regimental Hospitals on board, the greatest Part of which number died soon after their Arrival, and many on their Passage. The Surgeons were sent before as usual, to make the necessary Preparations for their Reception, and to buy Water. The Inhabitants of

ANTIGUA or ANTEGO, which takes it's Name from this Circumstance of wanting Water, are constantly obliged to send Vessels

Vessels for it to Montserat, a small Island which lies about eight Leagues from it to the S. S. W. When it is a wet Season they preserve Rain in Cisterns, with which most Houses are supplied, and philter it through large philtering Stones, of which there are great Quantities at Barbadoes, and the other Colonies, but those at Barbadoes are generally esteemed the best. I remember to have heard in England, of the Discovery of some fresh Springs at Antigua; but upon Enquiry found they had all a brackish Taste, and are not in Use. It lies in Latitude 17 N. and Longitude 61 W. 20 Leagues East of St. Christopher's. It is the Residence of the Governor of the Caribbee Islands, and has always a Regiment of Footin Garrison at St. John's Town, where new Barracks have been lately built by the Inhabitants of the Island.

The Squadron likewise of Men of War employed in these Seas usually lies at Anchor in St. John's Road; to the S. E. of which is a commodious Harbour for heaving down large Ships, called English Harbour, where there is a King's-Yard, attended by proper Officers, and under the Direction of the Commodore or Admiral who commands. English Harbour, by Land is about 10 or 12 Miles from the Town of St. John's. The Climate is found to be very unhealthy, and the Country in dry Seasons looks very bare, but at other times is pleasant

and beautiful.

Camp at Basse-Terre.

Feb. 22. The Rippon having performed this Service, and landed the Sick at the Hospital in St. John's Harbour, which took up several Days, returned back to the Squadron, and Anchored this Afternoon in the Road of Basse-Terre. Troops remained in their Position, encamped in the same Ground, and had been employed in burning the Sugar-Canes and laying waste the Country, bringing in Prisoners and Deserters, most of them Negroes, daily to the Head-Quarters.

In the Morning Commodore Moore, sailed in the Panther, to Grande-Terre, to view the Fortifications at Fort-Louis, leaving

leaving the Command of the Squadron to Capt. Leslie, removed from the Bristol to the Buckingham, in room of Capt. Tyrrell, sent to England, in the Weazle Sloop, with the Express from Guadelupe. Before the Commodore sailed, he received an Account of Mr. Keppel's Success at Goree, on the Coast of Guinea, which being immediately communicated to the General, in the Evening at Sun-set the Cambridge, fired a Gun, mann'd Ship, and gave three Cheers, as did all the Men of War in the Squadron according to Seniority.

The Troops were drawn out on Shore, and fired a Feu de

Joye, taking it up from the Cannon of the Citadel.

Feb. 25. The Commodore returned in the Panther, from

reviewing the Works at Fort-Louis.

This Day a Thanksgiving Sermon for the Success of his Majesty's Arms at Guadelupe, was preached on board every Ship in the Squadron by order of the Commodore.

26. At seven in the Morning there was an Alarm from Major Melville's Post, and a Signal from the Old Buffs for the

Picquets in Camp to march.

Soon after another Signal was made for the second Picquets

to march, to sustain the first.

At eleven the first Picquets returned back to Camp, the Enemy who were drawn up on the Hills opposite to Melville's Post, having retired on seeing him reinforced from the Army below.

By such Artifices as these, the French vainly flatter'd themselves with a Prospect to weary out the British Troops, or by such frequent Alarms to call them out to the Sun, whose Meridian Rays they knew were fatally powerful on European Constitutions.

At this time near 1800 Men in the Army were Sick or

Dead.

General Hopson dies.

27. At one in the Morning died General Hopson, at the Head-Quarters at Basse-Terre, and by his Death the Command of the Forces devolved to Major General Barrington.

This

This Evening the Rippon and Bristol were order'd to sail to St. Eustatia, and to cruize off that Port, in order to prevent the Dutch from supplying the Enemy with Provisions, which they had constantly done from the Time they were drove up the Mountains by the English.

Feb. 28. General Barrington having taken the Command of the Forces upon him, this Day ordered the Troops to

strike their Tents and Hutt.

General Barrington withdraws from Basse-Terre.

March 1. By break of Day the Regiments in Camp appeared hutted, and the Enemy were amused by it, imagining the General proposed still to continue his Attack, and to remain there for some time; but a few Days after, the Detachments at the out Posts were all drawn in, the Batteries in and about the Town of Basse-Terre blown up and destroyed, and the whole Army brought off and re-imbarked on board the Transports by break of Day without the Loss of a Man.

Governour Desbrisay, was left in the Citadel with Watson's Regiment and a Detachment from the Artillery, and the Commodore with the Fleet sailed for Grande-Terre, leaving the St. George and Buckingham to cover the Garrison in case

of any Attack from the Enemy.

Upon the Motion of the Troops the French descended gradually from the Redoute, and after they were imbarked, set Fire to the Hutts in Camp, and entered the Town; upon which Col. Desbrisay, fired upon them from the Citadel, and beat down and burnt the Houses they had occupied, making a Sally at the same time with a Detachment from the Garrison; some were taken Prisoners, and the rest made the best of their way back to the Redoute.

6. Sailed the Spy Sloop with an Account of the Death of

General Hopson, to England.

7. The Fleet sailed for Fort-Louis.

The Trade Wind and Leeward Current prevented the Squadron and Transports from getting round to Grande-Terre, till the 11th. when the Fleet came to an Anchor off Fort-Louis, of which the Marines were still in Possession. However on account of the Scarcity of Provisions, and Water, and not being supplied in the Tents like the rest of the Army, they were growing sickly, and Capt. Hood, and Capt. North, belonging to the Norfolk and Berwick died. But twenty five of the Transports could weather the Saints, the rest were drove to Leeward.

March 12. Commodore Moore, received undoubted Intelligence this Day of the arrival of Mons. Du Bompar, Lieut. General and Chef d' Escadre, (formerly Governour of Martinique) with a Squadron of Men of War, consisting of eight Sail of the Line and three Frigates from Old France, having a Battalion of Swis and other Troops on board, intended for the Relief of Martinico, in Case he found it invested by the English, and that he was lying at Anchor between Pidgeon-Island and Fort-Negro, in the great Bay of Port-Royal, ready to come out.

As it was very practicable for Monf. Bompar, to throw in Succours to Grande-Terre, if he attempted it, and at the same time Mr. Moore, be incapable of putting to Sea to oppose him in the Situation the English Squadron then lay; a Resolution was taken to call in the cruizing Ships, and to sail immediately to Prince Rupert's Bay in Dominica, where he could be early acquainted with any Motions made by the Enemy, and be ready to sollow if Occasion required, as he would be then to Windward of Guadelupe, and at the Diftance only of nine Leagues.

Monf. Bombar arrives, and Mr. Moore, fails to Prince Rupert's Bay, Dominica.

13. Accordingly the Squadron failed this Morning to Prince Rupert's Bay, and this Day came to an Anchor there, followed by the St. George and Buckingham, from Basse-Terre Road, and the Rippon and Bristol from their Cruize, who joined on the twenty first.

The Privateers of the Enemy took Advantage of this Movement, and all the time * the French and English Squadrons were watching each other in the two Bays. They went out roving along the Coasts and took above eighty or ninety Sail of our Merchant-Men, which they carried in Prizes to

Martinique.

These frequent Captures occasioned heavy Complaints from the British-Islands, for they said it was equally as practicable for the English Squadron to have anchored in Port-Royal, as in Prince Rupert's Bay, by which two Ends had been answered, the French Men of War could not have got out, nor the Privateer Prizes have got in, of course the latter must have fallen into the Hands of our Cruizers, and have been retaken; no Harbour being then open to them, but St. Pierre's or Granada, either of which was at any time to be blockaded by a single Frigate.

Had the English made their Appearance off *Port-Royal* Bay, Mons. *Du Bompar*, must have been reduced to the Alternative, either of fighting a superior Force, or of retiring behind the Citadel into the Carenage to avoid it; leaving to Mr. *Moore*, room to come to an Anchor with his Squadron between *Fort-Negro* and *Pidgeon-Island*, where he

lay before.

To this it was replied, that the heavy Ships, such as the St. George and Cambridge, might be drove to Leeward in attempting to get into the Bay, or that the Enemy by constantly having the Advantage of the Trade, Wind, and Current, might at any Time send down Fire-Ships upon the Men of War in the Night.

March 21. This Afternoon the Renown sailed for Jamaica with Col. Haldane, the Governour of that Place, who acted as Brigadier-General upon the Expedition. I should here observe, that the Lyon came first into Prince Rupert's Bay by

herself on the 15th.

The Squadron being fickly at this time, was reinforced by General Barrington with a Detachment of the Troops, in con-

^{*} Above eleven Weeks, from Friday March 16 to Sunday June 3.

consequence of which, a Serjeant and 20 Men were put on board the Rippon, and the rest of the Ships had a Comple-

ment in proportion.

March 23. While the General was making the necessary Dispositions for landing at Grande-Terre, the French at the Redoute and Dos d'Ane came down upon Col. Desbrisay in the Citadel; and having been supplied with a Mortar of 13 Inches from Martinique, threw Shells into it from the neighbouring Hills, and erected a Battery, from which they kept playing daily upon the new Works thrown up by the Governour, and sometimes made shew of an Assault upon the Body of the Place; but were constantly dispersed by the Fire from the Garrison, from which also frequent Sallies were made.

Colonel Desbrisay blown up in the Citadel; Colonel Crumpe lands and attacks St. Mary's

When the St. George and Buckingham were called in to join the Squadron upon the arrival of the French Fleet at Martinico, the Enemy was encouraged to approach nearer to the Citadel, whi hoccasioned a more frequent Discharge of Artillery; and soon after we had the Missortune to learn, that a Cannon being fired too near a Powder Magazine placed in a Stone-sentry Box, at the flanked Angle of the South-East Bastion, the Return of the Wadding blew it up, and with it the Governour, who was standing at the Sentry-Box, reconnoitering the Enemy with a Glass, Major Trollop, one Lieutenant, two Bombardiers and several Men upon the Platform. Col. Desbrisay and Major Trollop were taken up dead, being thrown at a great Distance into. the Heart of the Fort; but fome of the Men, tho' greatly burnt, recovered; Lieut. Read lived a few Days. By this unhappy Accident, the Army was deprived of the Service of two gallant and experienced Officers, and the Citadel lost a bold and active Governour to defend it. The French taking Advantage of the Disorder occasioned by the Explofion? G 2

sion, came down in great Numbers from the Hills, but were

foon repulsed by the Fire from the Garrison.

March 21. This Day Major Melville, who had greatly distinguished himself at his Out-post, was appointed Governour of the Citadel, in the room of Col. Desbrisay, and succeeded him likewise as Lieut. Colonel to Watson's Regiment.

Lieut. Colonel Desersay was Captain of Foot at the Battle of Laffieldt or Val, near Mastricht in 1747; where being wounded, and lying upon the Ground amongst the Slain, he was run thro' by a French Officer, whose unmanly Example was immediately followed by the Platoon he commanded, all or most of them planting their Bayonets in different Parts of his Body: Of about 13 Wounds which he received, eight were judged to be mortal. Being afterwards at Table with the Marechal Count de Saxe, of whose Politeness as an Enemy, many honourable Instances were given in Course of the late War, he was strongly sollicited by the Marechal to tell him " Who the Officer was that had used " him so very unlike a Soldier, * threatening to disgrace him " at the Head of the Regiment;" but DESBRISAY, tho' well acquainted with his Name, the Commission he bore, and the Corps he served in, most generously declined it; contenting himself with letting his Excellency know, that he was not a stranger to his Person, and begging his Excuse from being obliged to point him out.

As he was at all times alert, so was he very indefatigable; had a thorough Knowledge of his Profession, and was master of great Application in it. He was quick, and had a happy Presence of Mind which foresaw a Dissiculty and the Method to conquer it at one and the same Instant; cool in Action, and Brave without Ostentation; presuming never upon a Superiority of Parts, but always dissident of Himself; thought and

* Jacentem
Lenis in Hostem:

was ever looked upon as the distinguishing Mark of true Courage in a Soldier.

and read much, and was ever forming some new Design to molest and annoy the Enemy.

The Service of the Publick was the Spring that wound

him up and put his whole Frame in Motion.

He had the true Fire of a Soldier in him, and with it was as compleat a Gentleman as any in the Service, dying fincerely regretted by every Officer of his Acquaintance.

April 1, Arrived the Emerald, Capt. Cornwall, from England with Dispatches for the Commodore and General, and

on the 5th,

5. Looking into Martinico was chaced by two French Men of War.

The Antigua Brig, Capt. Varlo, sunk two French Schooners loaded with Arms for Gaudelupe, and brought in a third.

Col. Crumpe of Duroure's landed at Grande-Terre with a Detachment of 600 Men, between the Towns of St. Anne and St. François, attacked them, and destroyed the Batteries and Cannon there.

Harbour of Granada, the Master-attendant and several Gentlemen from the Shore, taking her for a French Frigate, came on board and were made Prisoners; upon finding their Mistake, they burst out into a violent Fit of Laughter, and

soon after fell a Singing.

12. A few Days before, Gen. Barrington formed a Design to surprise the Towns of Petit-Bourg, St. Mary's and Guogave on the Basse-Terre Side of the Island, and to make an Incursion into the Capesterre the most beautiful Country in or about it; but the Success of this Project tho' well concerted, was thro' the Darkness of the Night, the Roughness of the Weather, and the Ignorance and Fear of the Negroes, who were Guides, entirely frustrated.

Soon after the Gen. sent Brigadier Crumpe to reconnoitre the Coast near Arnouville and Houelberg, who landed there on the 12th with a Detachment of 1300 Men from the Troops, and 150 Antigua Volunteers. They found the Enemy who had

had not opposed their landing, drawn up in two strong Entrenchments well defended with Cannon and palisaded, but they were attacked with such Intrepidity by Part of Duroure's Regiment of Highlanders, who rushed in upon them with Bayonets sixed, that they very soon gave way, and abandoned one of them; from the other they continued to fire upon the Troops for some time with Cannon and Musquetry, but a Bridge having been made, the River was crossed, when they were entirely drove off and above 70 taken Prisoners, some of them People of the greatest Condition in in the Island. The Loss to the Troops was, killed one Officer and 13 Men, and wounded two officers and 52 Men.

From hence the Detachment passed on to the River Lizard, where the Enemy had thrown up a strong Work desended with four Pieces of Cannon, and seemed determined to make a Stand, but the River being crossed by means of two Canoes conveyed lower down in the Night, they sted at break of Day on the 13th without any Resistance, and were pursued to Petit-Bourg, which they abandoned in the same precipitate Manner as soon as the Troops appeared. They had fortisted this Town with Lines and a Redoute, but bestides the Danger they were in from the Detachment, then seizing the Hauteurs around, they were attacked at the same time by Capt. Uvedale of the Granada Bomb, who was throwing Shells into the Fort.

On the 15th Brigadier Crumpe advanced to the Bay Mah-cut with 700 Men, and Capt. Steele to Guogave with 100, where the latter nailed up seven Pieces of Cannon, with an Intrenchment which might have been maintained against a much superior Force, the Enemy retiring after a single Dis-

charge of their Artillery.

On the 16th Brigadier Crumpe returned from the Bay Mahault, where he found the Town of Battanés abandoned, which he burnt, destroying at the same time a large Quantity of Provisions that had been supplied by the Dutch from St. Eustatia.

There

There now remained only the Town of St. Mary's to prevent the Irruption of the Troops into the Capesterre; and was indeed the dernier Resource of the Enemy; this Pass they had strongly fortified, but like the rest as ill supported. They were persued as far as the Heights of St. Mary's, having retired with great Precipitation; being attacked there in Front by the English Grenadiers with the utmost Resolution, they quitted their Cannon and sled; upon which the Detachment took Possession of the Town, and next Morning broke into the Capesterre.

By a Letter intercepted from the Count de Bourhonaye, Governor of Martinico, to the Chevalier D'Etreil at Gaude-lupe, it appeared, "That the former was in no Condition to fend any farther Relief or Assistance to him, all the Arms

"he could spare being already taken; and that Mons. du

"Bompar sound himself unequal to make any Attempts in

"his Favour against the English Squadron; still encouraging him not to despair, but to hold out to the last Moment".

April 17. Arrived the Griffin from England, with an Answer to the Dispatches sent by the Waezle Sloop after the

taking of the Town of Basse-Terre.

19. The Falcon Bomb, stationed off the Santos or Saints, in order to prevent any Supply of Arms or Provision from being carried to the Enemy; as she was chacing in a Privateer, miss'd Stays and was stranded; the Officers and Men were saved, and the smallest Mortar and Stores got out.

The Santos or Saints, (so called by Columbus on account of his discovering them on All-Saints Day,) are four little Islands belonging to the French, and lying between Dominica and Gaudelupe, four Leagues from the latter to the S.S.W.

22. At this Time the French Governour finding himself close press'd by Col. Crumpe, who seem'd determined by the Dispositions forming, to ravage and lay waste the Country, sent a Flag of Truce to General Barrington to demand a Cessation of Arms, and to know what Terms he would grant; and having consulted the principal Inhabitants, and they being of Opinion it was in vain to hold out any longer, on the 25th.

The Island of Gaudelupe surrenders.

April 25. The Island of Gaudelupe was surrendered to the General on the following Articles of Capitulation, which were signed at the Head-Quarters at Capesterre on Tuesday May 1, 1759.

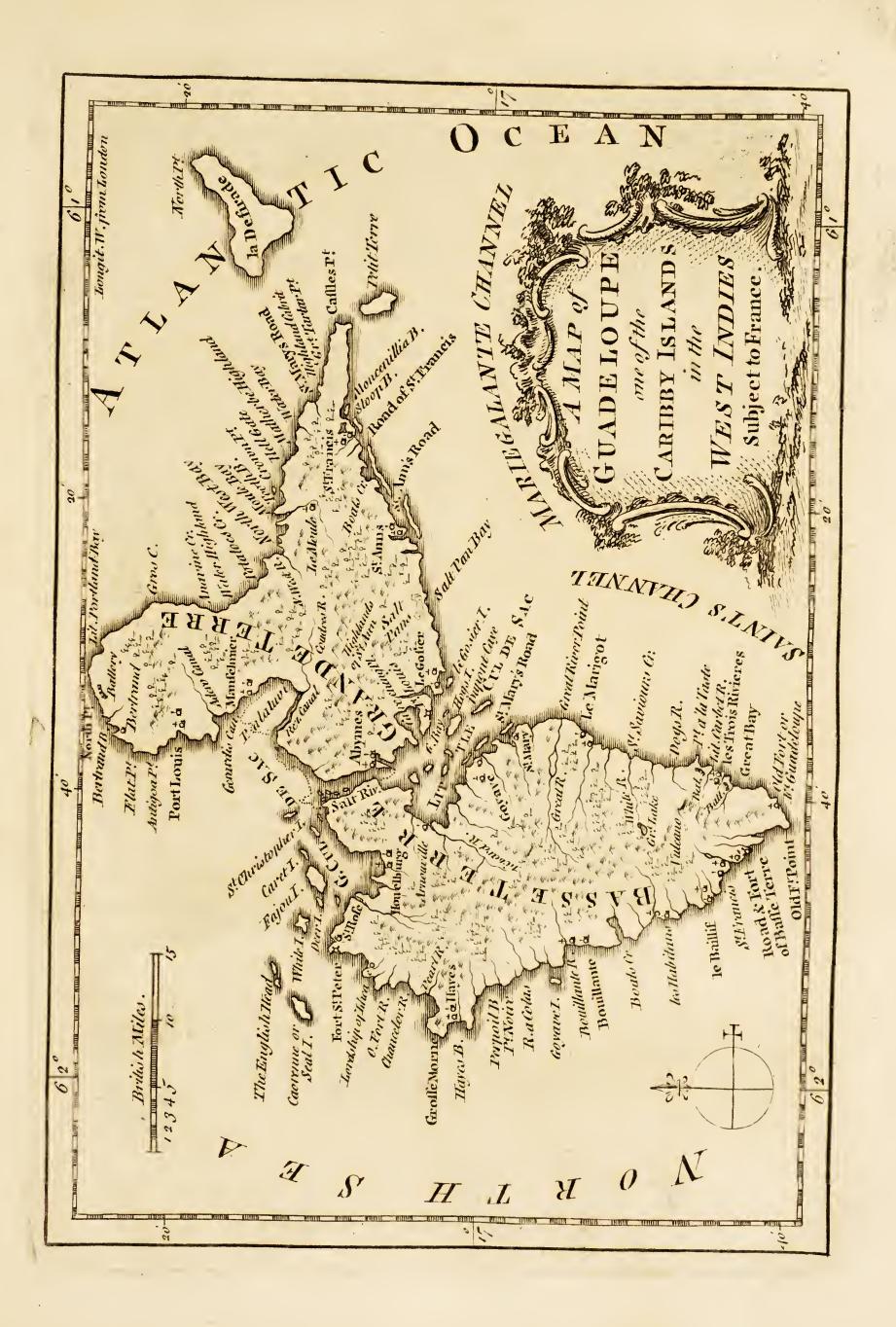
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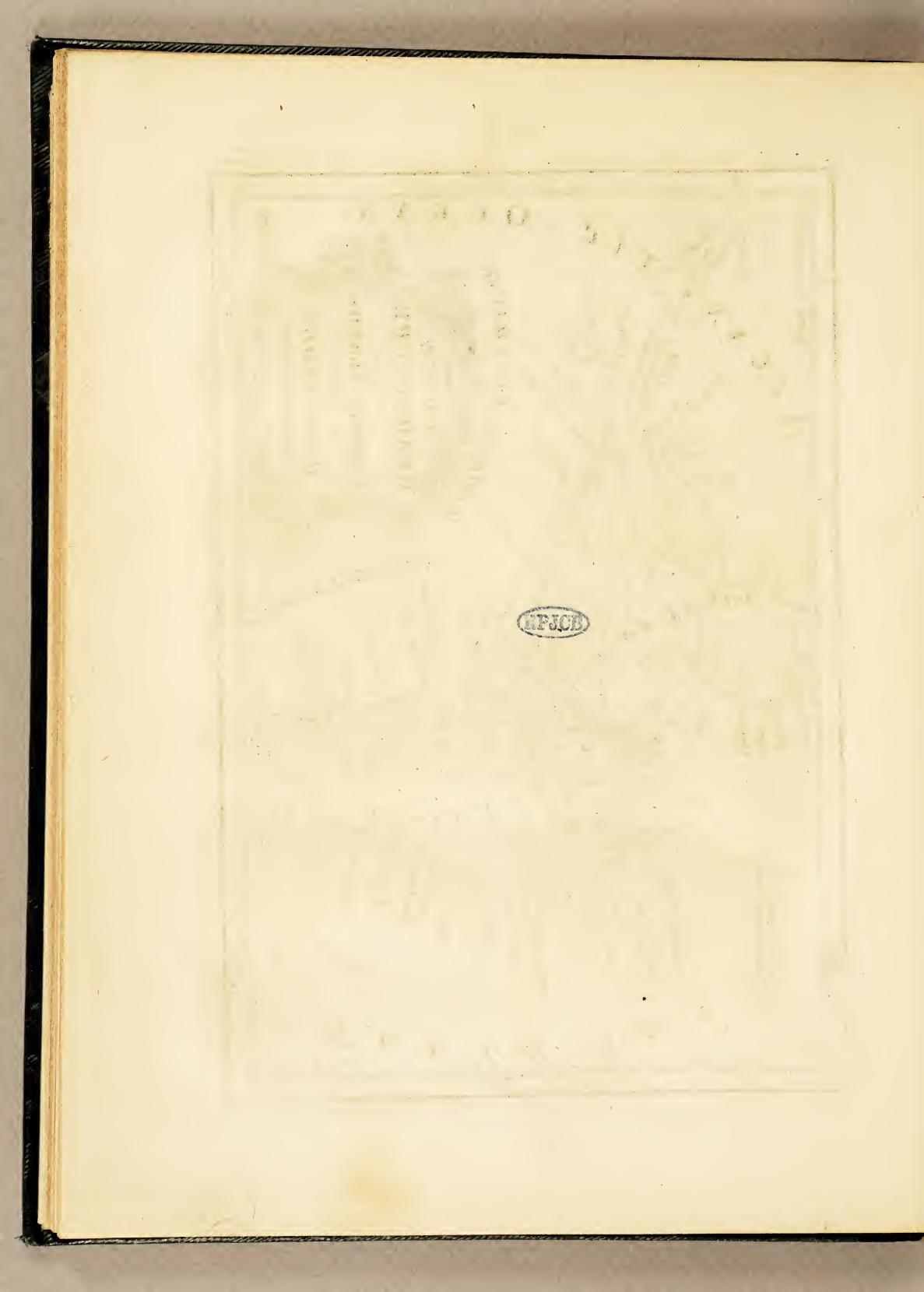
Between their Excellencies the Hon. Major General Barrington, and John Moore, Esq; Commanders in Chief of bis Britannick Majesty's land and sea Forces in these Seas, and M. Nadau d'Etreil, Governour for his Most Christian Majesty of Guadelupe, Grande-Terre, Deseada, and the Saintes.

Article I. JE the Gover- Granted, except the Mortar; and other Officers, of the regular Troops, shall march out of our Posts, with one Mortar, two field Pieces of Brass Cannon, with ten Rounds for each Piece, Arms, Baggage, and the Honours of War.

nour Staff and as to the Cannon, we will allow only four Rounds for each Piece; and on Condition that the Troops of his Britannick Majesty shall take Possession of the different Posts of the Three Rivers, and the Hospital tomorrow morning, the 2d of May, at eight o'Glock; and that all the Magazines of Provisions, Ammunition, and Implements of War, as well as all Papers relating to the Revenue, be delivered into the Possession of a Commissary to be named by us for that Purpose. Granted.

II. That we shall be sent to Martinico, in a good Veffel, well provided, and by the shortest Passage.





III. That the Commissary general, Officers of Justice, missary general, and Officers of Admiralty, and all fuch as have the King's Commission, shall likewise be sent to Martinico in a good Vessel well provided and by the shortest Pasfage.

IV. That the Staff and other Officers shall have leave to take with them their Wives and Children to Martinico.

V. That the Staff and other Officers shall have the same Number of Servants granted them, as were allowed by the most Christian King, viz. to the Commissary General 24; to the Lieutenant Governour 18; to the Fort Major 15; to the Captains 12 each; to the Lieutenants 8 each; and to the Enfigns fix each.

VI. That it shall be allowed to all the Officers who have Estates in this Colony (except to me the Governour, unless the King permits me also) to appoint Attornies to act for them until the Peace; and if the Island be not then ceded, the abovementioned Officers shall have leave to sell their Estates, and carry off the Produce.

Granted only for the Comthe Admiralty, and refused to the others.

Granted.

Granted.

Granted.

VII. That a good Veffel shall be allowed to the Lady of Mons. Duclieu, Lieutenant Governour General of the Islands, and Captain of one of the King's Ships, to carry her to Martinico, with her Equipage, Furniture, Plate, and Servants, suitable to her Rank: And also to the Governor's Lady, and the Wives and Widows of the Staff Officers.

VIII. That Monf. de Folleville, Lieutenant Governour of Martinico, shall have a good Vessel to carry him and his Volunteers thither, by the shortest Passage, with only such Arms, Baggage and Servants, as they brought with them.

IX. That the Sieur Avril of Dominico and his Detachment shall be sent thither with their Arms and Baggage.

X. That the Prisoners, Soldiers, and Sailors, shall be mutually exchanged.

XI. That all the Negroes who were enlifted and continued till the last Day of the the Attack, in the Companies of Bologne, Petite, Dumoliere, and Ruby, agreeable to the List that will be given it of

Granted: One Vessel for all the Ladies.

Granted.

Granted.

Granted.

Granted, upon Condition that they are immediately sent off the Island.

them, shall have their Freedom at the Expence of the Colony, as by Agreement.

XII. That the Men belonging to the Privateers, who defire to go to *Martinico*, shall have a Vessel to carry them thither.

XIII. That there shall be a reasonable Time allowed for removing the Furniture, Effects, and Cloaths that are in the Reduit, or other Places, belonging to the Persons who are to be sent to Martinico; and that his Excellency General Barrington shall grant his Protection for the safe Conveyance of the abovementioned Effects to the Place of Conveyance.

XIV. That there shall be an Hospital Ship provided for the Wounded and Sick that are in a Condition to be removed; and that the rest shall be taken care of and sent with a Flag of Truce to Martinico, as soon as they are recovered.

XV. That all Subjects, formerly belonging to the King of Great Britain, who for Crimes were forced to fly their Country, and have carried Arms in this Island, shall be pardoned, and allowed to remain in this Island as Inhabitants. Granted.

Granted.

Granted: Those that remain here shall be taken Care of at the Expence of his Most Christian Majesty.

They must go out of the Island.

XVI.

XVI. That the same Honours and Conditions shall be granted to the King's Troops in the Grande Terre, as are given those in Gaudelupe.

well as those at the Three Post of the Camp at la Garde, and remain there till the Day to Martinico. of Embarkation.

They shall have neither Mortar nor Cannon.

XVII. That the Troops at The Transport Ships shall be the Head of the Reduit, as at the Great Bay to-morrow Morning to receive the Troops Rivers, shall march to the of the Garrison, the Privateers Men, and those who are to pass

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ARTICLES of CAPITULATION between their Excellencies and the Inhabitants of Gaudelupe, &c.

shall march out of their Posts with all the Honours of War, viz. with two Field-Pieces, their Arms, Colours flying, Drums beating, and lighted Match.

Art. I. HE Inhabitants Granted, in Consideration of the brave Defence which the Inhabitants have made during an Attack of three Months, upon Condition that they lay down their Arms as soon as they have marched by our Troops, and that all the Forts, Posts, Batteries, Cannon, Mortars, Firelocks, and Bayonets, with all kind of Ammunition, and Implements of War, be delivered to a Commissary to be named by us; and that we shall have a Power of fixing a Garrison in all fuch Places as we shall think proper.

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II. The Inhabitants of the Islands of Martinico, Mariga-lante, and Dominico, who came to the Assistance of this Island, shall have Leave to retire with their Arms and Baggage, and a Ship shall be provided to carry them, and the Servants they brought with them, to their respective Islands, with Provisions for their Passage.

III. The Inhabitants shall be allowed the free and publick Exercise of their Religion, the Priests and Religious shall be preserved in their Parishes, Convents, and all other Poffessions; and the Superiors of the several Orders shall be permitted to fend for fuch as they think necessary from France, and the neighbouring Islands; but all Letters wrote on this Occasion shall be transmitted by the Governour appointed by his Britannick Majesty.

IV. They shall observe a strict Neutrality, and not be forced to take up Arms against his most Christian Majesty, or against any other Power.

V. They shall be allowed their Civil Government, their Laws, Customs, and Ordinances; Justice shall be administred by the same Persons who

Granted, except those from Marigalante, who shall be sent to Martinico.

Granted.

Granted, on Condition that they take an Oath within a Month, or sooner, if possible, to maintain all Clauses of this Capitulation, as well as to remain exactly and faithfully neuter.

Granted; but when any Vacancies happen in the Seats of Justice, the superior Council of the Island is to name proper Persons to fill up those Vacancies who

what relates to the interior Police of the Island, shall be fettled between his Britannic Majesty's Governour and the Inhabitants. And in Case this Island shall be ceded to the King of Great-Britain, at the Peace, the inhabitants shall have their Choice, either to keep their own political Government, or to accept that which is established at Antigua and St. Christopher's.

VI. The Inhabitants as well as the religious Orders shall be maintained in the Property and Enjoyment of their Possessions, Goods moveable and immoveable, noble and ignoble, of what Nature foever they may be; and shall be preserved in their Priviledges, Rights, Honours, and Exemptions; and the free Negroes and Mulattoes in

their Liberty.

VII. They shall pay no other Duties to his Britannic Majesty but such as they have hitherto paid to his most Christian Majesty, without any other Charge or Imposts; the Expences attending the Administration of Justice, the Pensions to Curates, and other customary Charges, shall

who are now in Office; and who must receive their Commissions from bis Britannic Majesty; And all Acts of Justice whatsoever are to be in his Name. But in regard to any Change in the political Government, we grant it, if agreeable to his Majesty's Pleasure.

Granted.

Granted; but if this Island is ceded to his Britannic Majesty at the Peace, it shall be Subject to the Same duties and Imposts as the other English Leeward Islands, the most favoured.

be paid out of the Revenue of his Britannic Majesty, in the same Manner as under the Government of his most Christian Majesty.

VIII. All Prisoners taken during the Attack of this Island, shall be mutually exchanged.

IX. The free Mulattoes and Negroes, who have been taken, shall be considered as Prisoners of War, and not treated as Slaves.

X. The Subjects of Great-Britain, who have taken refuge in this Island, whether Criminals or Debtors, shall have leave to retire.

XI. No other but the Inhabitants actually residing in this Island, shall possess any Lands or Houses, by Purchase, Grant, or otherwise, before a Peace; but if at the Peace this Island should be ceded to the King of Great-Britain, then fuch of the Inhabitants as do not chuse to live under the English Government, shall be permitted to fell their Poffessions, moveable and immoveable, to whom they will, and retire whenever they please, for which Purpose there shall be a reasonable Time allowed.

Granted.

Granted.

Granted.

Granted; but such of the Inhabitants as chuse to retire shall have leave to sell to none but Subjects of Great-Britain.

XII. In Case there should be any Exchange at the Peace, jesty's Pleasure. their Britannic and most Christian Majesties, are defired to give the Preference to this Island.

XIII. The inhabitants shall have Liberty to fend their Children to be educated in France, and to fend for them back; and to make Remittances to them whilst there.

XIV. The absent Inhabitants, and fuch as are in the Service of his most Christian Majesty, shall be maintained in the Enjoyment and Property of their Estates, which shall be managed for them by Attorneys.

XV. The Wives of Officers and others, who are out of the Island, shall have leave to retire with their Effects, and a Number of Servants suitable to their Rank.

XVI. The English Government shall procure for the Inhabitants an Exportation for fuch Commodities as the Island produces, and are not permitted to be imported into England.

XVII. The Inhabitants shall not be obliged to furnish be provided as soon as possible for Slaves

This will depend on his Ma-

Granted.

Granted.

Granted.

Granted; as the Island produces nothing but what may be imported into England.

Granted; but Barracks will Quarters for the Troops, nor the Lodgment of the Troops; and

fications.

XVIII. The Widows and other Inhabitants, who thro' Illness, Absence, or any other Impediment, cannot immediately fign the Capitulation, shall have a limited Time allowed them to accede it.

XIX. The Men belonging to the Privateers, and others who have no Property in the Island, and are desirous to leave it, shall have Vessels to carry them to Martinico or to Dominico, (at their Option) and shall be furnished with Provisions for the Passage. Nevertheless those Persons who have any Debts with the Inhabitants of the Island, shall be obliged to fettle their Accounts with them before they depart.

XX. The Inhabitants shall have leave to give Freedom to fuch Negroes as they have promised it to, for the Defence of this Island.

XXI. The Inhabitants and Merchants of this Island, included in the present Capitulation, shall enjoy all the Priviledges of Trade, and upon the

Slaves to work on the Forti- and such Negroes who shall be employed with the Consent of their Masters, on public Works, Shall be paid for their Labour.

Granted; but all the Inhabitants, who chuse to partake of the Advantage of the Capitulation, shall be obliged to sign it within a Month from the Date bereof, or to quit the Island.

Granted.

Granted; on Condition that they are immediately sent off the Island.

Granted; but without affeeting the Priviledges of particular Companies established in England, or the Laws of the Kingdom, which prohibits the car-

granted to his Britannic Ma- ther than English Bottoms. jesty's Subjects, throughout the Extent of his Dominions.

XXII. The Deputies of the Granted. Grande-Terre, not having a fufficient Power to fign the Capitulation, though the Colony adheres to the Conditions of it, under the Authority of M. Nadau, may fign it when they have their full Powers, and they will be comprehended in all the Clauses.

the same Conditions as are carrying on of Trade in any o-

Given at the Head-Quarters in the Capesterre.

Guadelupe, the first Day of May, 1759.

J. BARRINGTON. JOHN MOORE.

NADAU DUTRIEL. DEBOURGDE CLAIN-VILLERS. DUQUERUY.

May 1. At this Juncture the Commodore received Intelligence that Monf. Du Bompar, had failed some Days from Martinico, and was seen with his Squadron out at Sea, feven Leagues to Windward of Marigalante, seemingly with a Design to land some Forces at Grande-Terre, which he accordingly effected, and dis-embarked the Swiss Battalion consisting of 500 Men; upon landing they found the Island furrender'd, and not having advanced far up into the Country, retreated before the English Troops could have Notice of of them. They were immediately purfued, and about thirty of the Swiss deserted, the rest were put into the Boats and got off.

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May 2. At two this Afternoon, the Commodore made the Signal to prepare to sail, and at half an Hour past nine in the Evening to weigh; when he failed with the Squadron out of Prince Rupert's Bay, having first made a Signal for all Lieutenants, and sent the following Line of Battle to each Ship.

LINE of BATTLE, ENGLISH.

The Buckingham to lead with the Starboard, and the Norfolk with the Larboard Tacks on Board.

Frigates.	Ships.	Commanders.	G.	Division
Woolwich, Bonetta,	Buckingham, Berwick, Hampshire,	Capt. Leslie, Harman, Norbury,	64 64 50	
Infernal, Granada, Rye, Ludlow-Castle,		Shuldham, Man, Gayton, Burnett,	60 66 90 80	Esq;
Amazon, Emerald, Kingsfisher,	Burford, Rippon, Bristol, Lyon,	Gambier, Jekyll, Parker, Trelawney,	5.0	Com- mander in chief, &c. &c.
Roebuck.	Winchester, Norfolk.	Le Crass, Hughes.	50 74	

3. At fix this Morning the South End of Marigalante,

bore East five Leagues.

MARIGALANTE, so called by Columbus, from the Name of his Ship (the Gallant Mary) lies in Latitude 16 N. about three Leagues from Grande-Terre to the S. E. It is twenty Miles in length, and in breadth about fifteen; producing as the other Islands; a flat Country in general, but ill supplied with Water, and little fortified.

LINE

LINE of BATTLE, FRENCH, (as reported at Dominica.)

L' Hector to lead with the Starboard, and the Diadem with the Larboard Tacks on Board.

Frigates.	Ships.	Commanders.	G.	Division.
Le Fleur de		Rochfield,	74	Du
Lys,	Le Sage,	De Guichem,	64	Вом-
I 'A methyd	Le Courageux, Le Defenseur,	Cousage,	74	
L'Allichiyit,	Le Vaillant,	Clavier,		Chef d'
		D'Hiquit,		Escadre, $\Im c$. $\Im c$.
	L'Amphion,	Reviel,	50	
	Le Florissant,	Comte de Morville,	74	
La Valeur,	Le Diadem,	Roffaliere.	74	

May 4. At eight South End of Marigalante, E. N. E. four Leagues. The Squadron turning to Windward between Dominica and Marigalante, and so continuing the whole time it was out. The Sun was this Day Vertical at Noon.

5. At six South End of Marigalante, N. E. four Leagues.

6. At seven South End of Marigalante N. E. by N. three Leagues.

At eight in the Evening the Griffin joined, making the Signal to speak to the Commodore.

At feven in the Morning, Signal for all Cruizers to come in.

At eight the Commodore hoisted his Colours, and bore away for Prince Rupert's Bay again.

At 12 Signals for the Rippon, Bristol, Emerald, and Griffin to chace four Sail to the Southward.

At one continued the Chace, at two the Rippon threw out the Commodore's private Signal, which not being answered, at three fired a Gun at the Chace, who stood for Martinico.

At five, a Brig bore down to the Bristol, with an Account that the Chace were three of our Transports and a Cartel with the French Governour, Le Chevalier D'Etreil, and his Officers

Officers bound for Port-Royal, in Consequence of the Articles

of Capitulation; at fix left off Chace.

The Commodore with the rest of the Squadron, came to an Anchor in Prince Rupert's Bay; as did Monf. Bompar, with his Squadron the Day before, in the Bay of Port-Royal, having never teen each other; which occasioned it to be ludicrously faid by the People of Dominica at our Return, " That the " English went on one Side of the Island, and the French on " the other, for fear they should meet."

Deseada, the Santos, and Petite-Terre surrender.

May 9. At this Time General Barrington summoned Marigalante, the Santos, and Deseada to surrender; the latter submitted upon the same Terms as had been given to Gaudelupe but Marigalante held out. The little Island of Petite-Terre came in likewise.

DESEADA or DESIDERADA, (the defirable Island) fo called by Columbus, because it was the first Land he discovered on his second Voyage to America, Anno 1493, lies seven Leagues from Grande-Terre, to the N.E. in Length three Leagues, and Breadth four Miles. Latitude 16. 20. N.

Longitude 60. 10 W.

10. Upon figning the Articles of Capitulation at CA-PESTERRE, the Inhabitants quitted the Dos d'Ane, and returned to their Plantations and Houses; they began also to repair the Ruins at Basse-Terre; where soon after, Shops were opened and the Produce of the Country fold as usual, unmolested by the Troops in Camp or Garrison, where General Barrington caused the strictest Discipline to be observed, and behaved with so much Affability, and was so easy of Access to all the Natives, that it would be difficult to say whether he seemed to be most respected by the Army or the Island.

11. Sailed the Woolwich for England with an Account of the Surrender of Gaudelupe, the Santos, and Deseada.

MARIGALANTE now only remaining to be subdued, the General began to make the necessary Preparations for attacking it, and accordingly a Body of Troops were embarked. May

May 14. Sailed the Berwick, Bristol, Ludlow-Castle, and two Bombs from Prince Rupert's Bay to favour a Descent upon the Island, and to destroy the Forts; and having joined the Transports from Grande-Terre, stood over to Marigalante; but the Enemy upon the Appearance of the Troops thought proper to submit.

The Briftol was greatly employed throughout the whole of this Expedition; Capt. Parker was extremely active, very brave, and was well seconded by his first Lieut. Mr. Philipps, whose Courage and Coolness gained him much Credit in the

Squadron.

The Commodore rode all this Day at Anchor with his Foretopsail loose, (Signal for the Squadron to prepare to Sail.)

19. MARIGALANTE surrender'd upon the same Terms as Gaudelupe, and the Berwick with the Ludlow-Castle and Bombs returned back to Prince Rupert's Bay.

23. A Detachment of the Troops was left at Marigalante, under the Command of Major Bell, to garrison the Island.

27. All present Designs of the Expedition being thus happily finish'd, General Barrington acquainted the Commodore, that he proposed to send back Part of the Troops with the Transports to England, about the latter End of June, or the beginning of July.

31. Arrived the Nasau and Raisonnable of 70 Guns each, with a Store-Ship from Portsmouth, and joined the Squadron

in the Bay.

June 2. The Commodore formed the Squadron into two Divisions, and made a new Line of Battle, Mr. Moore, commanding the Red, and Mr. Hughes, the White.

The Squadron returns to Guadelupe.

3. At three in the Afternoon, Commodore Moore, made the Signal to weigh in the Cambridge, which was repeated by Capt. Hughes in the Norfolk, when the Squadron sailed in two Divisions from Prince Rupert's Bay for Guadelupe; leaving behind the Nasau and Raisonnable to compleat their Watering.

June 4. At eight in the Morning, the Commodore anchored in Basse-Terre Road, the rest of the Ships following

according to Seniority.

6. At nine anchored the Raisonnable, and the Nasau appeared in the Offing. Mons. Du Bompar, sailed this Day from Port-Royal, leaving behind him Le Florissant of 74, and Le Vaillant of 64 Guns.

7. General Barrington, was now making the Tour of the Island, and visiting all the Quarters where the Troops

were cantoned.

The Attention of the Publick in England, on this Expedition, being totally swallowed up in the Idea of Martinico, the Conquest of Guadelupe, (as we were told) became little considered by the Generality of People there, who looked upon it as a little Provincial Island to the other, and were not sufficiently acquainted with the Strength of it, the Advantages accruing from its Possessions the Extent and Produce of the Country, and more particularly the Beauty of its Situation, where like a Queen it sits enthron'd amongst the lesser Islands, in Power to convey Relief or Destruction to all the Colonies around.

The Soil is rich. and especially at Grande-Terre so fertile, that the Canes are frequently cut six times without re-planting, and in Martinico, the finest Plantation never produced more than seven Crops, and but very sew did that indeed; far the greatest Part of what are called Martinico Sugars, are the real Produce of Guadelupe, the Inhabitants of which were obliged to send them to Martinico, before they could be

transported to Old France.

MARTINIQUE, is called the Capital Island, from the constant Residence of the Governour, who commands over all, as the Governour of Antigua does in like Manner over St. Kitt's, Nevis, Montseratt, and other the Carribbees with us; but it is neither so strong nor so capable of Desence as Guadelupe: The Citadel is indeed extremely difficult to be attacked by Sea, and to Shipping perhaps impregnable on Account of the Trade Wind and Current setting constantly out

out of the Bay of Port-Royal, but it is practicable to take it by Land; and though the English Troops did not succeed on the present Attempt, it is not thence to be concluded that it was not to be reduced: Different Reasons might prevail on different Persons, and it is very certain both Islands could not fall a Sacrifice; for the taking of one would render it impracticable to attack the other with any Probability of Success, since half the Regiments must have been employed in Garrisons to secure the new Conquest: Guadelupe might therefore be, for ought I know, the greater Object of Confideration to the British Generals, as it was a Nest of Flibustiers and Privateers, constantly infesting the British Trade; for most of the Ships trading to Antigua, Nevis, St. Kitt's, Jamacia, or the Spanish Main, are obliged in their Passage to the West-Indies, to strike Deseada first, to make the Land, from which they were discernible immediately to the French at Guadelupe, who never failed to send their Schooners and Petiaugres out, and were perpetually bringing in of English Prizes to the Town and Road of Basse-Terre, where they were protected by the Cannon of the Citadel and Batteries, from any Attempts of our Cruizers to retake them: For this Reason and for others that could be given, the Possession of Guadelupe is of the greatest Importance to English Merchants in time of War, and indeed on many Accounts it appears to be the most valuable Island of the two, and the more noble Acquisition to the Crown of England.

June 10. The Transports came round from Grande-Terre, and dropped in daily to the Rendezvouse at Basse-Terre.

12. At eight anchored the Nassau: At ten the Roebuck came into the Road, and sailed again to English Harbour in Antigua to clean, being ordered to take the Transports under her Convoy to England.

Rippon ordered to look into Granada.

15. At this time it being very uncertain whether Mons. Du Bompar, had entirely left these Seas, and most other Ports

Ports having been reconnoitred by the Frigates, the Rippon was ordered by the Commodore this Morning to look into

Granada, and failed at twelve accordingly.

eighty Leagues from Guadelupe, and thirty from Barbadoes, to the S. W. The Island is from East to West about five Leagues, and in Circumference twenty five Miles. There are several Bays and Harbours in it, and the Road is defended by a Battery of sourteen Guns, and there is a French Governour, usually residing here, and a Garrison, subject to the Command of the Governour of Martinico. It is well watered, produces Sugar, Rum, Cotton, and Fruits as the other Islands, and is esteemed rich and fertile.

June 16. At twelve, St. Lucia bore East nine Leagues, Latitude observed 13° 55¹ N. at six St. Vincent East seven

Leagues.

17. At five in the Morning, the S. W. End of Granada, bore S. E. by S. five or fix Leagues.

Discovers Mons. Du Bompar, and Squadron lying there.

At eight faw lying in the Road and close under the Land, Mons. Bompar with seven Ships of the Line, his broad Pendant and Colours slying. At half past eight, wore Ship and stood to the Northward, being then about seven Miles from the French Squadron.

At nine one of the French Ships loosed her Topsails as if to chace, but did not come out. Cleared Ship and made

ready for Action.

At 10, hawled up to the Northward

It was thought as Mons. du Bompar did not chace the Rippon with his Squadron, which he must have distinguished at least two Hours before she could discover him under the Land, that he was apprehensive she was the headmost Ship of the English Squadron, and was sent to decoy him into the Fleet.

June 18.

June 18. At seven, heavy squall of Wind, Rain, Thunder, and Lightning. The Foretop-gallant Sail split to Pieces and blew away. At 12. Granada, bore E. half S. distant 49 Leagues.

19. At fix made the Land which proved to be Mont-

feratt.

Rippon returns and acquaints the Commodore.

20. At seven in the Morning, the Rippon arrived off Basse-Terre, which bore East seven or eight Miles, when there being no Wind, Capt. Jekyll, hoisted out the Barge, and rowed into the Road to acquaint the Commodore that Mons.

Du Bompar, was lying at Granada.

21. The Rippon came to an Anchor in Basse-Terre Road, and saw a Frigate under Sail to the Southward, sent by the Commodore (as we heard afterwards) to Granada, to see if the French Squadron still remained there, but it appeared that Mons. Du Bompar had sailed, and as it was conjectured soon after the Rippon was well out of Sight, and on the 17th. it was reported that he was gone to St. Domingo, the Capital of the Spanish Settlement, in the Island of Hispaniola, in order to carry Home the Convoy bound to Old France. The Roebuck returned from Antigua.

The Ludlow-Castle sailed to Jamaica, two or three Days before with an Express to Admiral Coates, who was barely

equal to the Force under Monf. Du Bompar.

HISPANIOLA, one of the first Discoveries of Columbus, Anno 1492, lies between 18 and 20 Degrees N. Latitude and between 67 and 74. Longitude W. being above 400 Miles long, and 120 broad. It is divided between the Spaniards and French; the Spanish Possessions lying to the S. and the French to the N. W. 50 Miles E. of Cuba, and 70 E. of Jamaica, where Admiral Coates lay with a small Squadron of Men of War.

HISPANIOLA, CUBA, and St. SALVADOR, were the Fruits of the first Voyage made by Columbus, when he narrowly escaped being thrown over-board by his Seamen, combined

in general Mutiny against the Admiral, who was leading them on upon a romantic Project as they thought, and to certain Destruction; but Fortune threw this last Island in his Way, on which Account and in Remembrance of his Danger, he called it St. Salvador, which Name it now bears, lying amongst the Bahama Islands, in Latitude 24 N. and Longitude 75 West.

DESEADA, DOMINICA, MARIGALANTE, MONTSE-RATT, St. KITTS, and PORTO-RICO, were discovered by Columbus, in his second Voyage 1493, and in his third Voyage 1498, the Island of Trinidada, with Terra-Firma,

on the Spanish Main.

Columbus, began a fourth Voyage in 1502, and sailed to Martinico, from thence to Jamaica, and afterwards up the Gulph of Honduras, where he found the great Continent of Mexico. After all his Discoveries and Conquests, seeing himself neglected at Court, on his return to Spain, he retired to Valladolid, where he died of a broken Heart Anno 1506.

This GREAT MAN was perhaps the most remarkable Instance of disregarded Merit, the World ever knew; whose consummate Knowledge first conceived, and whose unprecedented Courage afterwards executed, Designs and Projects beyond all the Atchievements of the most illustrious Conquerours amongst the Ancients, beyond almost the Capacity and Valour of a Mortal; launching into unknown Seas in quest of an unknown Earth, collecting Wealth and Riches from Kingdoms and Countries no where heard of; a Sovereign of his own Creation, who first obtained a Sceptre, and then found out a World to fway it in. Variety of Fortune he endured; at one time loaded with Honours, at another fent for Home in Chains; this Day High-admiral of the Western Seas, and Lord of all the Western Globe, the next a Suppliant for Mercy, and pleading his Cause for Life and Liberty, infulted by his Inferiors, and difgraced by his King: Then issuing forth in Splendor and in Power, adding Dominion to Dominion, and Continent to Continent, till worn out with Age and repeated Services, he returned to Europe in a private Station, and died univerfally K 2

fally regretted and admired, but in the Territory of the Prince he had aggrandized, and the Country he had enriched. *

Then at the last a magnificent Monument was erected to his Memory, the only Return made him by that Nation, which derives its greatest Influence at this Day from Acquisitions made by his understanding Heart, and his invincible Arm. In a Word, Columbus should only have lived in the Reign of such a Prince as Alexander, who wished for nothing so much as a new World to conquer †; in such a Court, his uncommon Virtue had been rewarded, and he had died in Honour, a Prodicy to all succeeding Ages. ‡

To return;

General Barrington embarks on board the Roebuck for England.

June 23. General Barrington having now finished his Tour round the Island of Gaudelupe, and having settled all Affairs relative to the Inhabitants and the Disposition of the Troops, embarked this Afternoon on board the Roebuck, leaving Col. Crumpe, who had for some time past acted as Brigadier-General, to command the Forces in his Absence. At the same time the Regiments of Old Buffs, Barrington's, and Elliott's, having compleated the three Regiments of Duroure's, Watson's, and Armiger's, which remained behind, embarked on board the Transports to return to England.

The Highlanders and the Drafts for North-America were to fail at the same Time for New-York, under Convoy of

the Rye.

Lieutenant Colonel Delgaro was left to command at Grande-Terre.

Major Appleton at Fort Louis, (now Fort George.)
Captain Partridge of Duroure's at Marigalante.

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* Columbus was by Birth a Genoese.
† Unus Pellæo Juveni non sussicit Orbis
Æstuat inselix Angusto limite Mundi. Juv. Sat. 10.

† Virtutem incolumem Odimus
Sublatam ex Oculis quærimus Invidi. Hor.

A Detachment was sent to the Trois-Rivieres, and Lieut. Colonel Melville commanded in the Citadel or Fort-Royal, as Governour.

June 25. At five in the Morning, the Roebuck made the

Signal to unmoor. At nine to weigh.

At 10, General Barrington was faluted by the Commo-

dore, and afterwards by the Citadel.

At four, the Transports, in all 40, being mostly out, the Roebuck made Sail to the Northward, the Squadron in the Road hoisting their Colours.

27. Commodore Moore sailed with the Squadron for

Antigua.

29. Anchored in St. John's Road.

July 6. The Squadron sailed from Antigua for Barbadoes, to fetch the Convoy bound to England.

13. Anchored in Carlisle Bay 19. Sailed from Barbadoes.

22. Anchored in Basse-Terre Road, St. Christopher's. The Speedwell Ketch arrived from England with Dispatches to the Commodore.

St. Christopher's, or as it is commonly called St. Kitt's, was first discovered by Columbus in 1493, who gave it his Christian Name. It lies in Lat. 17 N. and Lon. 62 W. about 20 Miles long, and seven or eight broad, producing the greatest Quantity of Sugar next to Barbadoes of all our Islands. The French possessed the South Side of it till the Peace of Utrecht, when it was given up to England, and they quitted the Island. It is well watered, and very beautiful to the Eye.

23. Captain Hughes having again the Command given him of a Squadron, now returning to England, made a Signal

and gave Orders to the Convoy.

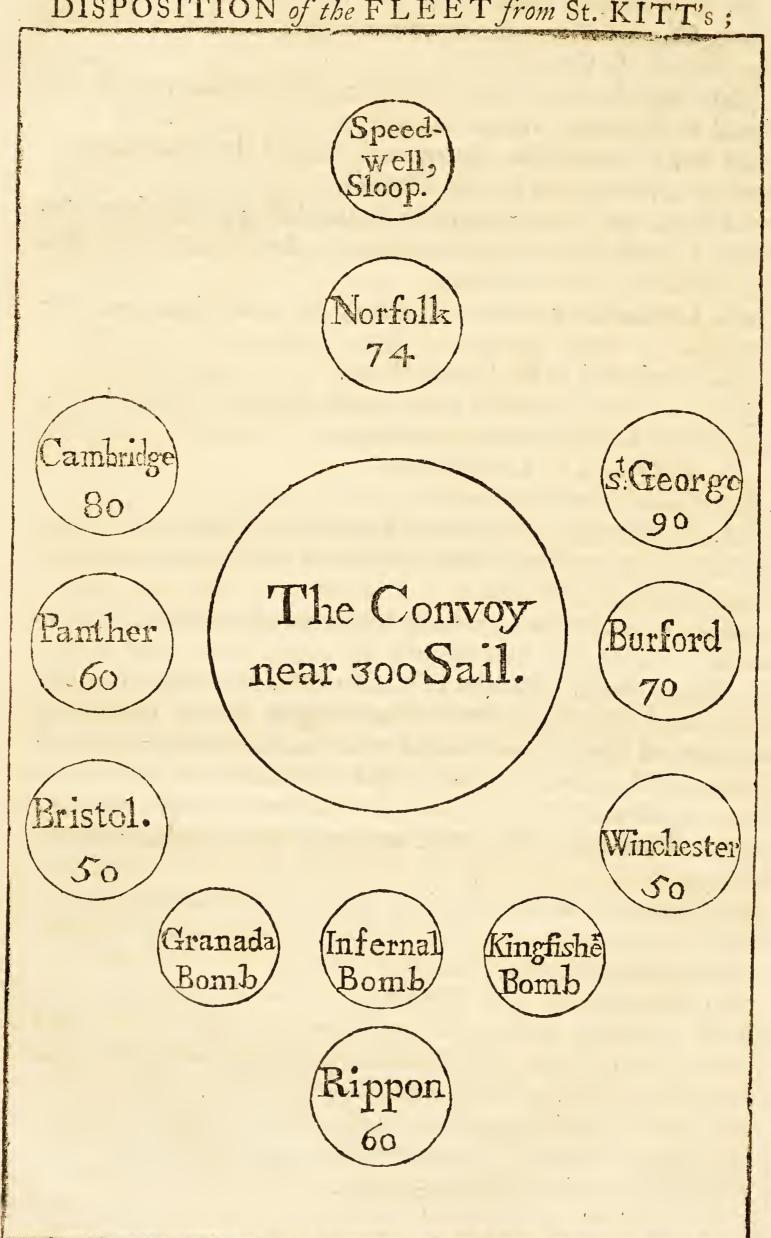
26. At fix in the Morning, the Norfolk made the Signal to weigh, when the Squadron for England and the Convoy got on their Way, leaving Commodore Moore with feveral Sail of Men of War behind in the Road.

At five in the Afternoon, the Convoy being out at Sea, Capt. Hughes hoisted a broad Pendant, and bore away. The

Fleet sailing in the following Order.

DISPO-

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DISPOSITION of the FLEET from St. KITT's;



July 27.

July 27. The Fleet was off St. Eustatia, Saba, and St. Martin's, and in the Afternoon passed the Dog and Prickly Pear.

ST. EUSTATIA, is a small Island belonging to the seven Provinces of Holland, and lies three Leagues from St. Kitts, W. by N. Of all the Caribbees, it seems the barest and least fertile, notwithstanding the Dutch carry on a very powerful Trade in the West-Indies from it, and it has been for some years the Market of Europe: Being poor and naked in itself; and in all Appearance like a ragged Rock, it thrives by borrowed Commodities and a clandestine Trassick with the Powers at War; transporting the Produce of one Enemy to another, under the Pretence of neutral Bottoms. The Town is badly built, and the Houses very indifferent; it stands lofty, and has one Hill in particular of a very great height, which is called Tumbledown Dick, and serves as a Land Mark at a Distance.

When the Rippon was cruizing off the Harbour, there was a Dutch Man of War, several French Privateers, and a great Quantity of other Shipping lying there: It is an Island of Smugglers, and the common Receptacle of all the Thieves in

There are several Forts in St. Eustatia, and a Governour constantly residing there; the present one is Mynheer De Wyndt, who is stiled Governour of St. Eustatia, Saba, and St. Martin's, though the last belongs to the French, however the two Nations understand one another so well, that in all Probability it is the same thing to the French, to have a Dutch Governour over St. Martin's, as one of their own Country.

August 1. This Day the Squadron crossed the Tropick. 24. Arrived in the Latitude of the Bermudas; heavy Squalls and violent Claps of Thunder, with Rain.

25. Foul and tempestuous Weather, with great Flashes of Lightning. Capt. Deacon dies, of the Kingssisher Bomb. Bermuda, or the Summer Islands, not called so from any Resemblance they bear to the Poet's happy Description of Italy,

" Hic ver Assiduum, &c".

But from Sir George Summer, who lost his Ship on the Rocks anno 1609, in a violent Gale of Wind, lie in the Atlantic Ocean in Latitude 32 20 N. and Longitude 65 W. about 220 Leagues from Charles-Town, in South-Carolina, to the E. and are said to contain near 20,000 Acres surrounded with Rocks. The Land lies low, and the Islands appear in a Cluster; from the dreadful Tempests that break around, Bermuda, was formerly called the Devil's-Island, and the People in North-America, who deal in Horses to the West-Indies, at this Day never think their Passage secure, till they have crossed these Latitudes; from which, and the Number of Horses they annually are obliged to throw overboard, they are commonly stiled the Horse-Latitudes.

The Island may be said with some Propriety to be guarded by the Winds, and desended by the Artillery of the Heavens

Thunder and Lightning. *

The Air is healthy, and the Climate temperate, and tho' perpetual Tempests and Hurricanes rage on the Coasts, yet the inland Country enjoys a perfect Serenity, entirely free

from any Storms whatever.

The chief Town is that of St. George, containing near 1000 Houses to the N. W. Provisions are cheap and plentiful, and it abounds in Fish and Fruits of all Kinds: The Houses and Sloops are mostly built of Cedar, of which there still remain many beautiful Groves: By all Accounts Bermuda is a most agreeable Island, one Circumstance only excepted, that to make a visit there, a Man must travel in a Whirlwind.

28. Lost fight of the Norfolk and Convoy, the Infernal Bomb excepted, and thirteen Sail of Merchant-Men; the rest of the Convoy a head.

September 7. Discovered a Fleet to the Southward, which proved to be the Bristol, with fifty Sail of the Convoy steer-

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^{*} Quicquid habent Telorum Armamentaria Cæli.

ing for Ireland, who left the Norfolk and Trade the Day before at four in the Afternoon.

Sept. 8. Joined the Norfolk and Convoy. A very high Sea all this Morning, it having blown hard all Night. Some of the Ships appeared to have lost their Top-Masts, and others threw out Signals of Distress. Blew hard all Day, lost the Norfolk and Convoy at Noon, lay too under a reef'd Foresail and Mizen.

27. The Rippon arrived at Plymouth, as did the Bristol the Day before, and was soon after joined by the Burford and Winchester.

The Convoy arrives at Spithead.

October 5. Arrived Capt. Hughes, in the Norfolk, with the remainder of the Convoy at Spithead, and above 200 fail of Merchant-Men.

Thus ended an Expedition of great Importance to the Publick, and in which the English arms acquired a Reputation even from the Enemy: The Intrepidity of the Officers who commanded, and the Resolution of the Men who obey'd, were very uncommon and remarkable, and fuch only as a true Sense of Honour, and a true Zeal for their Sovereign, and their Country could inspire; exposed to Dangers they had never known, to Disorders they had never felt, to a Climate more fatal than the Enemy, and to a Method of Fighting they had never seen: Harrassed with perpetual Alarms, and fatigued with constant Duty, they still advanced, alert in all Hours of Caution, invincible in all Hours of Attack; frequently they suffered from concealed Fires out of the Woods, from lurking Parties of armed Negroes that could not be discovered, and where the Officer who commanded was in the Situation of Virgil's Rutulian Captain,

Sævit atrox VOLSCENS, nec teli conspicit usquam Auctorem, nec quo se Ardens immittere possit. Æn. 9.

On fuch Occasions they preserved their Ranks inflexibly, or rushed with Bayonets fixed amongst the Trees and Bushes till they had scoured them thoroughly. Fortune at last declared in their Favour, and Conquest became the Recompence of Virtue; when under the Directions of an active and enterprizing Commander in Chief, whose Orders were executed with the same Alacrity they were given, the British Troops succeeded in reducing to his Majesty's Obedience, an Island perhaps of as great Consequence to the Crown of England, as any other in Subjection to it in South America; of infinite Prejudice to the Trade and Commerce of the French, our natural and inveterate Foe; and of as much

Security to our own Colonies and Plantations near it.

Nor were the Officers and Seamen of the Royal Squadron at all inferior in their several Departments to the Gentlemen of the Army, and while we admire the distinguished Rapidity of Crumpe, the gallant Impetuosity of Desbrisay and Melville, we are called upon with equal Justice to applaud the spirited Perseverance of the intrepid Shuldham, and the youthful Ardour of the brave old Leslie, not to omit the memorable and irresistible Fire of the St. George * and Cambridge, + of which a Frenchman speaking in reply to a Question I had asked him, "How they came to quit the Citadel?" answered with some warmth, "Eb! comment Monsieur? Tout autre " que le Diable eut quitte la Citadelle; c'étoit le Feu d'Enfer " même." ‡

It would be in vain to recite each particular Instance of remarked Valour in the Fleet, and in the Camp, but in general I believe it may be allowed that in both, the Officers did their Duty, and the Men fought boldly and like Eng-

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^{*} Capt. Gayton. + Capt. Burnett.

I " What Sir! No body but the D--- I would have staid there, for it was the Fire of H--litself."

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lishmen: * It is said they have been so happy as to appear favourably in the Eyes of our most gracious Sovereign, in whose Cause the Brave bleed freely, and whose Royal Approbation is the most Glorious Reward a Soldier can acquire.

REGE Incolumi Mens omnibus unà est.

* It was reported in Prince Rupert's Bay Dominica, that the Secretary of State had wrote to the Commodore to this Effect, and given him Orders to communicate to the Squadron his Majesty's Approbation of their Conduct, but I never heard it was done.

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